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RED TROOPS GATHER ON RUMANIAN BORDER AS NAZIS MOVING IN

Germans Pour Forces Into the Balkan Kingdom And Order Hastening of War Materials Production—Taking Over Complete Control of Civil Administration—Diplomats Busy

BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (AP).—Concentration of Russian forces along the Rumanian frontier was reported under way today as Germany poured the initial units of 300,000 fresh troops into Rumania and ordered a speed-up in the Balkan Kingdom's production of war materials.

A spurt of diplomatic activity in southeastern European capitals accompanied this military activity, creating a fresh state of tension in the Balkans.

ALONG RIVER PRUT
The Russian concentrations were reported along the Prut River, which became the dividing line between Rumania and Soviet Russia after Moscow obtained Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina from the Bucharest Government by ultimatum June 27.

Under the German-ordered speed-up in Rumania's war production, two large Rumanian industrial plants will be devoted to the manufacture of warplanes for Germany, diplomatic dispatches from Bucharest said. A submarine building yard already in operation at Galati, these dispatches added, has been ordered to increase its production.

TO RULE RUMANIA
This German military activity coincided with the shift of Baron Manfred von Killinger, Nazi Minister to Slovakia, to Bucharest, where he is expected to take over complete control of Rumania.

Diplomatic reports from Bucharest said the German military advance was intended to take over complete control of Rumania.

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REPORTS LOSS OF DESTROYER

H.M.S. Acheron Sunk—No Details Given in Bulletin of Admiralty

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—The 1350-ton destroyer Acheron, built in 1930 and fitted with extraordinary high-pressure boilers for the period, has been sunk, the Admiralty announced tonight.

On a trial run, the Acheron established a record of fuel economy. Her boiler pressure of 500 pounds a square inch was said at the time to be 66 per cent greater than anything previously attained.

No details of the action in which she was lost were given, nor was the date mentioned.

The Admiralty bulletin said: "The Board of the Admiralty regrets to announce that the H.M.S. destroyer Acheron (Lt. J. R. Wilson, R.N.) has been sunk. Next of kin of casualties have been informed."

IS THIRTY-SIXTH LOSS
The Acheron was the thirty-sixth destroyer Great Britain has lost since war began, not counting the two Canadian destroyers lost in collisions. At the outset of the war Great Britain was listed as having 179 destroyers, but more were known to be under construction, and it was generally estimated at least 200 were in action shortly after the war's start.

Since then the Royal Navy has acquired fifty over-age destroyers, in the destroyers-bases exchange with the United States.

The Acheron, of the Acasta class, belonged to the first group of destroyers in which the torpedo tubes were quadruply mounted. Her normal complement was 136 officers and men. She carried four 4.7-inch guns, six smaller guns and eight 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Seven Killed in Train Collisions
BUCHAREST, Dec. 26 (AP).—With Rumanian railways carrying especially heavy German military traffic, seven persons were killed and scores injured today in two passenger train collisions.

One occurred near Bucharest. The other near Timisoara. Police started investigations, suspecting sabotage.

German military trains are moving into the country from Hungary in great numbers.

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Norwegian Flyers Train in Canada



Members of the Royal Norwegian Air Force Training in Canada Have Dubbed Their Toronto Flying School, "Little Norway." A Group of Smiling Students is Shown Above as They Listen to One of Their Officers.

Ten Men in Two Lifeboats Saved From Heavy Seas

United States Coast Guardsmen Disappear in Mountainous Waves When Attempting to Aid Disabled Lumber Ship in Storm Off California Coast—Schooner in Difficulties

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP).—Ten coast guardsmen, missing for nearly thirty-six hours on a rescue assignment in gale-lashed seas, were saved themselves today from the mountainous waves which threatened to swamp their two small boats.

The coast guard cutter Shawnee located the men today tossing in storm-swept waves off Port Bragg and took their craft in tow. Two of the guardsmen, Ralph A. Warren and Ronald Hieber, had painful injuries, but were not in need of hospitalization. All of them were suffering from cold and exposure.

SCHOONER DISABLED
In a thirty-foot motor lifeboat and a twenty-six-foot motorized surfboat, they had started on Christmas Eve from the Point Arena coast guard station to aid the lumber schooner Stanwood, disabled by the storm which lashed the California coast.

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LOSES LIFE IN HALIFAX FIRE

Seven Other Sailors Receive Second Degree Burns in Flaming Barracks

HALIFAX, Dec. 26 (AP).—Naval authorities here were faced tonight with the problem of housing several hundred Royal Canadian Navy seamen whose barracks were razed by fire today. One seaman, as yet unidentified, was burned to death in the fire while seven others were taken to hospital with second degree burns.

Believed to have started because of faulty heating equipment, the blaze made quick headway during the early hours and within ninety minutes three buildings, three-story wooden structures, were leveled.

Naval officials paid tribute to the city fire department for its work in preventing further spread of the blaze. Besides the naval buildings, the bombing on both sides appeared to be somewhat diminished Christmas Day and night, and land fighting around Bardia was limited mainly to the artillery duel, now in progress five days. The British batteries were being strengthened steadily by arrival of new guns.

The generally greater Italian air activity during the last week, particularly the new tactic of concentrating the air bombardment, has led to a belief among the British authorities that a new Italian air commander may have charge.

The situation around Bardia has not changed much during the last few days.

Soviet Press Tells of Fire in Bucharest

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (AP).—Reports of a mysterious fire at the Bucharest airport and mounting death rate among children of Rumania appeared in the Russian press today.

The Government organ Izvestia said the airport fire is being investigated by Rumanian officials. Newspapers here previously have portrayed as sabotage reported explosions and fires in Rumanian oil fields.

Pravda said four out of every ten children in Rumania were dying of tuberculosis and malnutrition.

TALKS TO BE CARRIED ON

Australian Minister Continuing Discussion With U.S. Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP).—Talks begun by the late Marquess of Lothian with the United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull on mutual defense problems in the Pacific will be carried on for some time by the Australian minister, Richard G. Casey, it was indicated tonight.

Casey's past participation in many of these informal conversations, informed sources said, made him a link for maintaining their continuity without serious interruption by the death of the British ambassador.

The new British envoy, Viscount Halifax, will come to the United States early in the new year with an intimate knowledge of the talks gained from Lord Lothian's reports to him as Foreign Secretary.

FIRST PROBLEMS
For some time after his arrival, however, Lord Halifax is expected to be absorbed chiefly with problems connected with American aid to Britain and questions of European diplomacy, thus leaving to Casey the main task of keeping up the Pacific talks with Hull.

Japan's formal alliance with Germany and Italy placed new emphasis on Pacific defense problems for both Great Britain and the United States.

Lord Lothian, in his last public speech read for him at Baltimore as he lay on his death bed, declared this alliance raised the prospect of "a two-ocean attack on us both in the Atlantic and the Pacific."

He went on to say that it was to the interest of the United States itself to help maintain "that great ring"

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READY TO TAKE EVERY CHANCE

Churchill Sends Heartening Message in Reply to New Zealand

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—Replying to a greeting from Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, Prime Minister Winston Churchill said yesterday Britain "should seize every opportunity on all fronts to press on to victory."

The New Zealand Premier assured Mr. Churchill of the "boundless admiration with which we in New Zealand regard the heroic attitude of the British people, and our heartfelt sympathy for the sufferings and privations they are enduring with characteristic fortitude."

Mr. Churchill's message said: "I warmly welcome your assurance that New Zealand will do her utmost. This we never have doubted, and the heroic exploits of her soldiers, sailors and airmen more than justify our faith."

"We indeed have passed through dark days. But, heartened by the unshaken faith and generous aid of our friends and kinsmen overseas, the spirit of our people has never flagged. We can now look to the future with a keen eye."

"We have recently had a chance to show our mettle in the Middle East, where so many of New Zealand's sons are eager to play their part."

RETURNS TO PARIS
VICHY, France, Dec. 26 (AP).—Navy Minister Jean Darlan, who appears to have taken over Pierre Laval's place as negotiator between France and Germany, returned today from a twenty-four-hour visit to Paris in which it is believed he explained to German authorities how collaboration of the two countries might continue.

CANADA'S EIGHTH CONTINGENT SAFELY ASHORE IN GT. BRITAIN

King Says Empire May Look Ahead With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—The text of the Christmas message King George broadcast to the Empire follows:

In days of peace, the feast of Christmas is a time when we all gather together in our homes, young and old, to enjoy the happy festivity and good will which our Christmas message brings. It is above all the children's day, and I am sure that we shall all do our best to make it a happy one for them, wherever they may be.

War brings, among other sorrows, the sadness of separation. There are many men in the forces away from their homes today, because they must stand ready and alert to resist an invader, should he dare to come, or because they are guarding the dark seas, or are pursuing the beaten foe in the Libyan desert.

CHILDREN SCATTERED AFAR
Many family circles are broken. Children from English homes are today in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. For not only has the manhood of the whole British Commonwealth rallied once more to the aid of the Mother Country in her hour of need, but the peoples of the Empire have eagerly thrown open the doors of their homes to our children so that they may be spared from the strain and danger of modern war.

And in the United States also, where we find so many generous and loyal friends and organizations to give us unstinted help, warm-hearted people are keeping and caring for many of our children till the war is over.

But how many more children are there here who have been moved from their homes to safer quarters. To all of them, at home and abroad, we are separated from their fathers and mothers, to their kind friends and hosts, and to all who love them, and to parents who will be lonely without them, from all in our dear island. I wish every happiness that Christmas can bring.

May the new year carry us toward victory and to happier Christmas days when everyone will be at home together in the years to come.

To the older people here and throughout the world I would say: In the last Great War the flower of our youth was destroyed and the hearts of the people saw but little of the battle. This time we are all in the front line and the danger together, and I know that the older among us are proud that it should be so.

BRINGS NEW UNITY
Remember this: If war brings its separations it brings new unity also, the unity which comes from common perils and common sufferings well met.

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Return to Attack on Nazi Bases

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Friday) (AP).—The Royal Air Force ended the unofficial Christmas bombing spree during the night, reliable sources said today, with an attack on German-occupied territory across the English Channel from England.

Reports from residents of coastal areas said they heard explosions and led to a belief the attack was intended to disrupt the so-called "invasion ports."

On the defensive side in the air war, there was a nightlong lull.

Guard Along Channel Doubled to Thwart Attempt at Invasion

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—Britain doubled the number of her guards along the misty Channel coast today and men patrolled every beach against the possibility of a German attempt at invasion.

Fears that the two-day Christmas holiday from death had been used by the Nazis to cloak preparations for such a spring across the Channel were expressed by unofficial but well-informed quarters.

Military circles said there was "no change" in the situation along the coast. Nevertheless, troops carrying machine guns kept a ceaseless surveillance, coastal traffic was halted by barricades, drivers and passengers were searched, and even uniformed soldiers and sailors were required to present identification cards.

Large Body of Troops From Dominion Arrives to Bring Second Division to Full Strength—Troopships Escorted by Navy and Air Force Unmolested Across Atlantic

Air-Training Graduates Join Those Already in England

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 26 (AP).—The eighth large contingent of Canadian troops to cross the Atlantic since the war started, bringing the Second Division to full strength, stretched their land legs in camp today after landing from great grey troopships which brought them safely, if turbulently, from Canada.

None of the reputed scores of submarines which Germany boasts "are driving Allied shipping off the high seas," ventured near the convoy. In the words of one arriving officer, "seasickness was our only worry." Mountainous seas were encountered more than halfway across the Atlantic.

NO SERIOUS INCIDENT
All eight contingents of Canadian troops have made the crossing without serious incident. Like those that went before, the eighth was guarded by the might of the navy and the Royal Air Force.

Expressing his pleasure at the arrival of the Second Division units, Major-General Victor Odlum said: "The division is at last complete. I am delighted to learn how far advanced the training of the new units progressed in Canada. The work there has been notable and the latest arrivals will fit admirably into the framework of the division."

General Odlum called on many of the new units today.

At a western port where the troops disembarked they were welcomed by representatives of Defence Minister J. L. Ralston, Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian corps commander, Canadian Military Headquarters, and the Dominions Office.

A score of nursing sisters were among medical unit reinforcements. News of the safe completion of the voyage was a welcome Christmas message to the troops.

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DUTCH GIVING VALUABLE HELP

Broadcast Describes Magnificent Co-Operation With Britain Against Foe

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—The British Broadcasting Corporation tonight broadcast an "impressive summary" of the war effort of The Netherlands, and said the setting up of a new Anglo-Netherlands committee on economic affairs "provides further evidence of the magnificent co-operation which the brave Dutch people are giving Great Britain in the fight against the common enemy."

"Dutch cruisers and destroyers are helping in convoy duty in the Atlantic, their submarines hunt for enemy craft, and gunboats and other small naval units guard river entrances," the B.B.C. said. "In addition, no fewer than 3,000,000 tons of merchant shipping are under charter to Great Britain."

"On land, a Dutch legion has been formed consisting partly of trained troops from Holland, a party of new recruits called up in Great Britain."

IS PROMOTED TO ADMIRALTY POST
Vice-Admiral John H. D. Cunningham Appointed a Lord Commissioner at London

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Admiralty tonight announced the appointment of Vice-Admiral John H. D. Cunningham as a lord commissioner (executive officer) of the Admiralty and chief of supplies and transport, effective April 1.

Admiral Cunningham, who now holds a sea appointment, will succeed Vice-Admiral Geoffrey B. Arbuthnot, who will go to the East Indies as commander in chief in May, replacing Vice-Admiral Ralph Leatham.

Tells Greece of Claims for Port
SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Bulgarian Government has "acquainted" Greece with the "character" of Bulgaria's territorial claims, members of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee said tonight they had been informed by Foreign Minister Ivan Popoff.

Since the last war, Bulgaria has claimed an outlet to the Aegean Sea through the Greek port of Dede Agach (Alexandroupolis). This claim has been officially advanced by the Government.

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132	\$7.78	\$1.00
144	\$7.78	\$1.00
156	\$7.78	\$1.00
168	\$7.78	\$1.00
180	\$7.78	\$1.00
192	\$7.78	\$1.00
204	\$7.78	\$1.00
216	\$7.78	\$1.00
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BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

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TEN MEN SAVED FROM HEAVY SEAS

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Tonight, they were transferred to the cutter Ariadne, which proceeded toward the station coast guard headquarters here reported. They were due at Point Arena sometime during the night.

The ten men disappeared Wednesday morning amid huge breakers in a driving storm. They had gone out to the rescue of a lumber schooner. They were in a thirty-foot motor lifeboat, to which a twenty-six-foot motorized surfboat was tied.

SEEN FROM SHORE

Their rescue was attributed to the alertness of a truck driver, who observed a small boat, with rigged sail, about three miles offshore at Fort Bragg. He notified the coast guard, and the cutters Shawnee and Ariadne raced to the radioed location at forced draft, through pounding seas.

The Shawnee, arriving at the location first, managed to pick up the guardsmen from their bobbing craft.

GOES TO AID SCHOONER

SEATTLE, Dec. 26 (AP).—A trouble call from the famed five-masted Canadian-owned schooner City of Albatross, better known as the Vigilant, 500 miles off Cape Flattery, sent a tug toward her side from Seattle last night.

A report to the Puget Sound Tug & Barge Company here said the 1,598-ton City of Albatross, famed for her cross-Pacific races in the days of sail, had sprung a mizzen mast and was taking some water.

Lindley Davis, tug company manager, said the schooner was not believed in distress, since no further word had been heard from her since Monday night.

Davis said a tug would cruise out from Cape Flattery in search of the windjammer. He added he understood that the schooner was carrying a cargo of lumber.

They had a good Christmas dinner yesterday and today enjoyed their first breakfast in nearly a month. They said breakfasting was uncommon on French freighters. Wine was plentiful, "but did we have a job to get some tea," smiled one survivor.

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Shortage of Houses In Industrial Centres May Slow Production

Government Has Announced No Policy, but Programme of Pre-Fabricated Dwellings May Be Answer—Problem May Become Acute

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (AP).—Shortage of living quarters close to many of the huge new Canadian munitions plants may create a bottleneck in wartime industry and slow up production, according to opinions conveyed to officials here by plant operators.

An elaborate programme of pre-fabricated housing construction may be the answer, but so far the Government has not announced a policy.

In the United States the Government has launched a large programme to provide housing for vast new war industries, using houses which may be quickly set up, as quickly knocked down or removed to another point of need, or salvaged. This idea has been studied by Canadian authorities. There has been no official "go ahead" order, although a small measure of housing construction has been started in connection with one new Quebec plant.

NO LOW-RENTAL HOUSES
According to a report from one Ontario city there will be many thousands of persons required for war industries there next summer, but at the present time there is not one house for rent under \$55 a month.

Some of the Government's new plant, costing close to \$300,000,000, will almost double the population of the community where plants are located.

Already there have been reports of skilled workers leaving wartime tasks to which they had been drawn from other work, because of their inability to obtain proper housing in their new locations.

Various estimates have placed as high as 400,000 the number who will be employed in new war industries, involving great movements of workers to localities where little accommodation exists.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT
This problem has not yet been placed in the hands of any particular department. The National Housing Act, a peacetime endeavor of several years' standing, is under jurisdiction of Finance Minister Isley.

Mr. Isley said today the act was still functioning, and although there have been reports it would be abandoned or curtailed, no action has been taken.

The Munitions and Supply Department, as a part of one of the larger munitions developments in Quebec, is building a series of 100 brick houses, of permanent construction, running from two to four bedrooms, for the skilled workers who will have to be brought to Canada from the United Kingdom. This project would only "scratch the surface" of the need in that locality, according to reports from the Quebec town where the plant is being established.

KEEPING WATCH ON TEN SHIPS

Tampico Port Vessels in Refuge in Harbor

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26 (AP).—Sources in the Navy Department here said tonight that one German and nine Italian ships now at refuge in Tampico Harbor were under close watch of port authorities in the belief they would soon attempt to dash into the Atlantic.

These sources reported that swift new development of anti-Axis sentiment in the United States had given rise to fears in Rome and Berlin that Washington might ask the Mexican Government to seize or intern the vessels.

The German ship is the 9,860-ton Orinoco.

Waterfront sources in Tampico said tonight that officers and crew members of the Orinoco and the Italian ships were bidding farewell to friends, and that two of the Italian ships had been moved to anchorage near the mouth of the Panuco River.

No application for clearance papers had yet been made by any of the vessels.

ARMED BELGIANS IN U.S. CALLED TO ARMS
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—All Belgians between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five, in addition to reserve officers, have been "called to arms" by Charles Hallart, Belgian Consul-General here.

Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (AP).—The decree announced in New York today conscripting all Belgians between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five is similar to a decree issued in Canada several weeks ago.

When the Belgian Government decided to conscript nationals, it was decided to apply the principle first to all Empire countries. Today's announcement by Charles Hallart, Belgian Consul-General, indicates the Belgian Government is looking also to countries outside the Empire for fresh manpower.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND WELL ENTERTAINED

Thousands Have Dinners in Homes—Christmas Made Memorable for Most

MANY GIVE UP DAY TO HELP AT CONCERT

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 26 (AP).—Wealthy and humble of the United Kingdom opened their doors to Canada's sons on active service yesterday, and thousands of troops enjoyed a robust Christmas dinner, despite the need for unceasing vigil against the threat of invasion.

The Old Country folk outdid themselves in proffering hospitality, and a Christmas away from home that might have been dreary was transformed into one that will remain memorable. For those who could not take the time off from duty there were special dinners in the messes.

More than enough invitations to humble cottages and stately homes were received for all officers and men of the First Canadian Division who could be spared from duty. The Second Division, not so long in England, was not in a position to know so many English friends as the First, but they had special "does" in their own messes.

OFFICERS WAIT ON MEN
Canadian air fighters held their own dinners, and at a station of the Royal Canadian Air Force co-operation squadron, officers waited on men and provided them with drinks and smoked out of their own pockets.

Canadian seamen serving in these waters had special spreads aboard warships or in homes of friends ashore.

Unfortunately, forced to spend the day abed in Canadian military hospitals, received free gifts from the Canadian Red Cross and other institutions, and smoked their lips over extra large portions of turkey.

The entire staff of thirty men and girls in a store at a southern town gave up their holiday to entertain 500 Canadians. Dinner was served in the store's restaurant with the civility waiting at table and washing up afterwards. The staff contributed a Christmas bonus in cash to purchase smokes. The firm furnished free beer.

ENTERTAIN TWO DOZEN
Clive Brook, noted screen actor, entertained twenty-four Canadians and New Zealanders at a country estate, and put on a private showing of Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator."

While scores of concerts were staged around camps by various Canadian auxiliary services, officers and men on leave in London found free full course dinners and dances waiting for them at the Beaver Club, British Columbia House, the Canadian Legion, and Salvation Army hostels. At some there was a "spot" of free beer or sherry.

A theatre near headquarters of the newly-formed Canadian Corps was taken over for a show by professional talent arranged for officers and men of the headquarters staff by the corps camp commandant, Major R. J. Williams, Toronto.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canadian Defence Minister, spent the day having a bothersome sciatic nerve barked at the hospital by Major-General H. D. G. Grier, Chief of the Canadian General Staff, was the dinner guest of Major-General Victor Odium, general officer commanding the Second Canadian Division. Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the

Canadian Corps, characteristically sandwiched in a spot of work into his observance of Christmas Day; while Major-General G. R. Pearkes, C.O.C. of the First Division, called on some of the units under his command.

SWISS MISSIONARIES ARE KILLED BY BOMBS
HONGKONG, Dec. 27 (Friday) (AP).—Two Swiss missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Meyerhoff, and their Chinese cook were killed on December 23 when Japanese planes bombed the compound of the Swiss Mission station at Keitichung, eight miles from the border of this British colony. It was learned today, eight bombs fell in the compound.

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Minister of Defence Visits Canadians in Training in England

Col. J. L. Ralston Pleased With Overseas Forces—Predicts Great Record for New Army Corps, After Seeing Activities of Troops

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 26 (P).—Describing formation of a Canadian Corps, announced at Ottawa Christmas Eve, as "a very natural development," Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canada's Defence Minister, today toured the Canadian camps and viewed with enthusiasm the progress of the Canadian troops.

It was his first visit to Canada's soldiers overseas, and the Defence Minister and his associates agreed that the Canadian Corps of 1940 will carry on the traditions of the Canadian Corps formed a quarter of a century ago.

"Formation of a Canadian Corps is a very natural development," Col. Ralston said. "I am pleased indeed to have Gen. McNaughton as its commander."

SEES VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Accompanied by Lieut.-Gen. McNaughton, Major-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, chief of the Canadian general staff, and Col. A. A. Magee,

reputation of the past is safe in the keeping of the younger generation."

PRaises COMMANDER

He added his belief that "under the direction and command of Gen. McNaughton and his divisional commanders, the Canadian Corps of today will make Canada's fighting record to an even greater height when the battle with the enemy has been joined."

The Defence Minister during the morning watched a Quebec machine gun regiment in training, called at the army field workshop and visited a tunnelling company, where he met Lieut. Colin Campbell, former Ontario Public Works Minister, just returned from installing a Royal Canadian Engineer unit at Gibraltar.

Col. Ralston lunched at corps headquarters. Lieut.-Col. J. H. L. Greenly, former head of the British Purchasing Mission to Canada, who worked at Ottawa last Winter, was among the guests.

SEES NEW LABORATORY

He concluded his day's tour watching a road construction company of the Royal Canadian Engineers building a new highway and looking through a mobile laboratory under the command of Major I. N. Rabinovitch, of Montreal, Col. Ralston and Major Rabinovitch were old friends back in Canada and the minister wanted to be informed fully about the new laboratory.

The minister is spending the night with Gen. McNaughton and will tour the First Division units tomorrow.

Col. Ralston, during his tour, spoke frequently to groups of men and met dozens of junior officers.

He said he was very satisfied with what he saw and impressed with the ability of the Canadians to improvise and use their initiative in coping with war problems.

In this connection, he paid tribute to Gen. McNaughton, saying: "I am pleasantly surprised at the extent the troops have gone in their training and their keenness and at their equipment. It is all better than I expected."

WILL OVERSEE CANTEEN FUNDS

Committee of Three Appointed by Defence Headquarters

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (P).—Appointment of J. M. Macdonnell, Toronto, president and general manager of the National Trust Company, Mr. Justice Rodolph De Serres, Montreal, and R. Watson Sellar, auditor-general of the treasury, as a committee on canteen funds, was announced by defence headquarters last night. Capt. H. A. Dyde, Ottawa, will be secretary.

An order in council, recently passed, incorporated this committee and empowers it to make recommendations concerning control and management of canteen funds from operation of canteens and other auxiliary services, the Defence Department statement said.

"This action foreshadows early steps towards the safeguarding of profits from canteens or other institutions of the Canadian armed forces, for the benefit of serving personnel and their dependents," said the department.

FOLLOWs BRITISH PLAN

This, it was said, is similar to the control exercised over canteen funds in the British Army.

In Canada a central canteen trust fund has been established and is receiving contributions agreed upon between the Government and national organizations administered by auxiliary services. Substantial sums already have been received from the operation of canteens within the auxiliary group—the Canadian Legion, the YM.C.A., the Knights of Columbus and the Salvation Army, the department said.

The newly established committee will inquire into and make recommendations as to collection, investment and control of such money as shall accrue and become payable to the Canadian Government from canteen profits. It also shall recommend the policy and management of the central canteen fund.

Canteens operated by the auxiliary services return 5 per cent of their gross takings to commanders of units or camps for use of the personnel. Unit canteens provide their patrons with articles at cheaper rates because of lower overhead costs.

Trade Minister Resting at Home

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (P).—Trade Minister MacKinnon, forced by illness to abandon for the time being at least a trade mission to South America, rested at his home here today. He will spend the next few days resting up.

The minister reached New York yesterday with other members of the mission.

Eskimo Children Aiding Refugees

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (P).—Eskimo boys and girls living in the Akavik district, near the mouth of the Mackenzie River, have sent \$30 to headquarters of the Church of England Women's Auxiliary here for work among refugees. The money was raised through the sale of hand-made goods.

Coventry Being Rebuilt



Before Long, Shops in Bomb-Battered Coventry Will Be Carrying on Business as Usual. Almost as Fast as Buildings Were Destroyed, New Ones Are Begun on the Old Foundations.

CONTINGENT IS SAFELY ASHORE

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present for Canadians here as well as back home. Addressing the newcomers on behalf of Colonel Ralston, his senior executive assistant, Col. A. A. Magee assured them the minister would hasten the word of their arrival to Canada, "so your people will be saved any anxiety during the holiday season."

Celebration of Christmas was not neglected as the ships ploughed through buffeting seas. Pades in khaki held religious services. Carols boomed over the Atlantic in such bull-throated volume that Pte. Percy Ashton, of Parry, Sask., said on arrival "the poor fishes must have been deafened."

The train trip to camp after disembarkation did not allow for a festive Christmas dinner, but at camp today the Boxing Day menu included turkey and the trimmings.

Colonel Magee spoke to the first group that landed at the port docks from a tender. After expressing Colonel Ralston's regret at being unable to be present personally due to engagements in London, Colonel Magee welcomed the troops on behalf of the people of Canada "and those of the United Kingdom, I'm sure."

"All Canada knows you fellows are capable of maintaining the high traditions set by Canadians in the first Great War, and certain to be repeated in this fight against darkness and evil which the Axis dictators are attempting to spread over the world," Colonel Magee said.

AIRMEN ARRIVE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (P).—The first contingent of Australian graduates of the Empire Air Training Scheme and the third group of Canadian graduates arrived in London from Canada tonight.

The Australians, who received their elementary and intermediate training Down Under before going to Canada, were welcomed by Air Comdr. F. H. McNamara, V.C., representing the Australian High Commissioner, Stanley Bruce.

Like previous contingents, the latest additions to the growing Empire Air Force will be posted at Royal Air Force stations and likely will be in action soon against the enemy.

SCENE AT LEAVING

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Dec. 26 (P).—It's a crisp

day here as the first contingent of the Empire Air Training Scheme and the third group of Canadian graduates arrived in London from Canada tonight.

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TAX-PAYMENT PLAN IS READY

Instalment System May Be Used in Meeting Income Levy Without Interest

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (P).—Details of the new budget plans for income tax payments have been completed by the National Revenue Department. The plan comes into effect next month, and in order to take advantage of it taxpayers must make their first payment by January 31.

It offers two alternative budgets whereby income tax may be paid over a period of eight months without interest. The first provides for eight equal instalments payable at the end of each month from January to August, and has the advantage of simplicity in addition to avoiding heavier payments toward the end of the period. Under the second, which represents the minimum requirement for interest-free budgeting, one-twelfth of the total tax is payable at the end of each month for the first four months, and one-sixth at the end of each of the subsequent four months.

IN EASY STAGES

The new scheme has been set up in recognition of the fact that the increased taxes on 1940 income will

present difficulties for the private citizen unless he is able to meet them in easy stages. To cushion the burden of taxes that have been doubled, and trebled in many cases, it was decided to spread out the instalments over twice the ordinary period, and at the same time dispense with the interest of 5 per cent that is normally charged on deferred income tax payments.

An exact calculation of the tax is not required. The taxpayer is asked to estimate the amount of his tax as closely as possible in January and make his payments on that basis. If he has underestimated it, the difference will be due in the ordinary way on April 30, with 5 per cent interest after that date.

PLAN IS VOLUNTARY

The whole plan is voluntary. In order to make the budget plan workable, the department emphasized that instalments must be kept up to date. Anyone falling behind in his payments will be required to pay interest after April 30.

SECRETARY FOR WAR WAS PRIVATE SOLDIER

LONDON, Dec. 26 (P).—Capt. David Margesson, who took the oath of office as Secretary of State for War yesterday, until a few nights ago had paced the terrace at the Houses of Parliament as a private in the Palace of Westminster Company of the Home Guard.

Now, as Secretary for War, he has generals waiting on his doorstep.

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ROUND STEAK, lb. 22¢	LEGS, Whole or Half, lb. 20¢	SIRLOIN ROASTS, lb. 20¢
T-BONE STEAK, lb. 22¢	LOIN ROASTS, lb. 22¢	WING RIB ROASTS, lb. 20¢
CHUCK STEAK, lb. 18¢	LOIN CHOPS, lb. 23¢	POT ROASTS, lb. 15¢
BOILING BEEF, lb. 12¢	PORK STEAKS, lb. 19¢	ROUND BONE, lb. 18¢
LIVER, lb. 22¢	VEAL BONELESS ROLLED ROASTS 20¢ lb.	CHUCK ROASTS, lb. 17¢
STEAK AND KIDNEY MINCED STEAK 2 lbs. 25¢		HAMBURGER HEARTS 10¢ lb.

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AYLMER PORK AND BEANS 16-oz. 4 for 25¢	DRY GREEN PEAS, 2 lbs. 13¢	TOMATO or VEGETABLE CHICKEN 2 tins 15¢	RED SPRING SALMON 1/2's 2 for 27¢
ORMOND'S DOLLAR SODAS 39¢ box	MACARONI, Ready Cut, 2 lbs. 11¢	CRISCO 1-lb. tin 20¢	BALLARD'S DOG FOOD 1's 3 for 25¢
	LIMA BEANS, lb. 10¢	3-lb. tin 55¢	
	NABOB TOMATOES 2 1/2's 11¢ tin	WAX PAPER 125-Foot Roll Carton 19¢	
		SOAP FLAKES BULK—2-lb. Cello pkt. 17¢	
		B. & K. ROLLED OATS Standard and Quick. 6-lb. sack 29¢	

PEAS AND CARROTS, DEWKIST, 17 oz. 3 for 25¢	BLUE RIBBON TEA 1/2 lb. 29¢ 1 lb. 56¢
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IVORY SOAP Large Cakes 2 for 15¢	SPECIALS	IVORY SNOW LARGE PACKET WITH PARING KNIFE ALL FOR 23¢
	A.S.A. Headache or Cold Tablets, bottle of 100 19¢	
	Bromo Seltzer, \$1.20 size 69¢	
	Pure Russian Mineral Oil, 16 oz. 29¢	
	Listerine Tooth Powder, 39¢ with 25¢ size, both 59¢	
	Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil, 2-lb. jar 19¢	
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Noise of War Absent As People in Britain Celebrate Christmas

One Raider Plane Crosses Over Orkney Islands to Be Shot Down — Elsewhere Day Passes Without Any Sign of Enemy Aircraft

LONDON, Dec. 26 (P).—Britain spent a Christmas Day of peace amid her ruins of war. The most welcome gift courageous civilians in the front line found in their stockings was a long period of freedom from the death that rained from the skies for months that have seemed like years.

Only one Axis raider crossed the coast. Otherwise there was quiet on Christmas eve and throughout the day on which the Christian world commemorates the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The single invader crossed over the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland, and British fighters shot it down and its crew of four was captured.

In a Christmas Day message, the King, in one of his longest broadcasts, looked forward to happier days, "when everyone will be at home together." But he warned that "the future will be hard."

ATTEND DIVINE SERVICES
Before going on the air, the King, together with the Queen and Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, attended divine services.

There was a confident ring in the King's voice as he told millions that "our feet are planted on the path of victory, and with the help of God we shall make our way to justice and to peace." He spoke for ten minutes, deliberately and without hesitation.

Throughout the country rich and poor opened their homes and hearts to Canadians and other servicemen separated from their families by oceans and made the day joyous for them.

In deep subways and other shelters, where huddled thousands who have lost their homes, relatives and all else in raids, the Christmas spirit was made to shine as brightly as the immortal star of Bethlehem.

There were Christmas trees and gifts for tots in tatters. There were dances for the young and carol singing for the old and young.

In conjunction with the King's speech, most of the world also heard a programme portraying the Empire's Christmas under fire. The choir of bomb-shattered Coventry Cathedral sang a carol from the ruins of the famed edifice.

TALK TO CHILDREN
Over two-way channels parents at home spoke to their children evacuated to safety in Canada, the United States, and elsewhere.

There were many heart-tugging "Hello, Mummy; hello, Daddy" salutes across the seas, lightened by such brave words as those of a Glasgow mother who warned her distant daughter: "Don't eat too much. Remember the castor oil."

Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Edinburgh, who said the chance to hear the voice of her son, George, from Toronto, was "the greatest Christmas gift I ever received," thought she detected a "wee bit of Canadian accent" in George's voice.

Welsh steel workers busy at the task of producing vital sinews of war contributed a song, and one grimy workman gave the assurance that "so long as the war lasts these furnaces will never go cold."

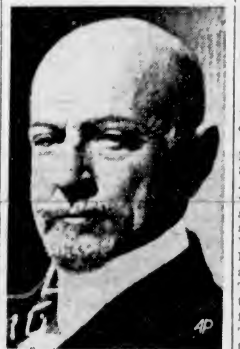
SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER
Sandbags buttressed most churches where Britons gathered to worship. They showed behind the high altar and near the pulpit in ancient Westminster as Dean Paul de Labilliere reminded the congregation that "it was a dark and oppressed world into which Christ was born," but that "after 1940 years of Christianity the light still shines."

The strange peace that marked Christmas over Britain was not duplicated in the Mediterranean's blazing theatre of war. There was spasmodic artillery fire from both sides at Bardia, where Empire troops have hemmed in two Italian divisions.

The Royal Air Force in the Western desert, the Sudan, and Greece had special Christmas fare of turkey and plum pudding, but otherwise it was "business as usual" for the busy fighter and bomber crews.

DEAN OF U.S. STAGE IS DEAD

Daniel Frohman Long Leading Figure in North American Theatre



DANIEL FROHMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (P).—Daniel Frohman, eighty-nine, dean of United States stage producers, died today in the Leroy Sanatorium of complications following a fall.

Frohman, one of the most distinguished figures in the history of the North American theatre, had been in the sanatorium since November 4, when he broke his right hip in a fall in his hotel.

Dr. Jacques Presner said Frohman developed bronchial pneumonia four weeks ago and that his death was due to the effects of that ailment and complications resulting from old age and the fractured hip.

Elita Frohman, a sister, and Henry Davidson, a nephew, and Davidson's wife were with Frohman at his death.

INACTIVE SEVERAL YEARS
The veteran producer, who helped develop many of the leading stage stars for more than two generations, kept an unflagging interest in the stage, although he had been professionally inactive for many years.

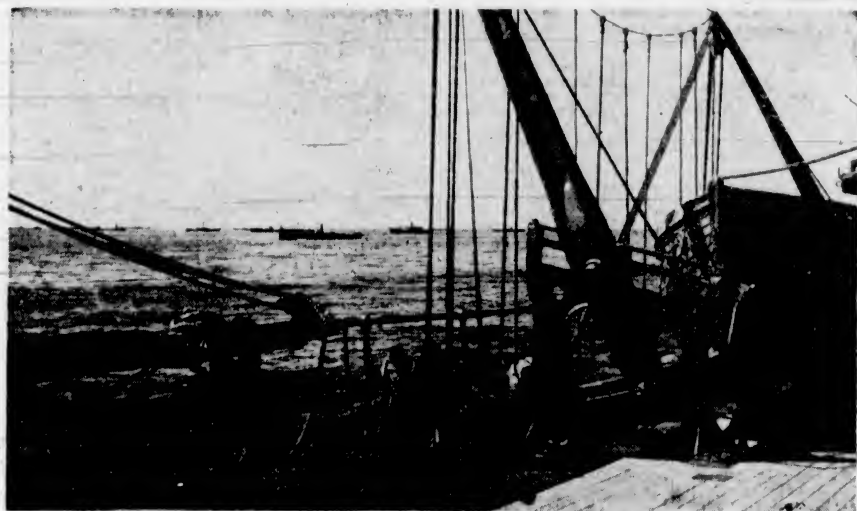
He kept in touch with the foot-light folk, as president of the Actors' Fund, a philanthropic organization. Only two years ago, in April, 1938, he wrote his own obituary and sent it to newspapers with this note: "I enclose an article for your mortuary department. As I may soon pass away, you may want these facts."

Anxious reporters, sent to investigate the state of his health, found him comfortably lounging in his old leather chair, enjoying a cigar.

AS FIT AS CAN BE
Assuring them he felt "fit as can be," he added: "I just thought the newspapers might be interested. I might be run down by an auto, you know. Certainly I feel fine, but you can't live forever."

A year ago, when the mortgage fell due to the theatre studio in which

Convoy as Seen From One of the Escort



This British Convoy, Sailing Confidently Towards Britain, Is Seen From a Canadian Escort Ship.

Frohman, at that time, made his home, the aged producer was saved from ejection by the intervention of a friendly banker, who said Frohman could remain in the apartment as long as he lived.

LONG IN THEATRE
Daniel Frohman was in or of the theatre for more than three-quarters of a century.

At eleven he was promoter for a local German company in his native Sandusky, where he was born on August 22, 1851. At twenty-three he was advance man for a one-night stand troupe which penetrated by stage coach to cattle towns of the Western frontier. He landed on Broadway in 1879 as business manager for the old Madison Square Theatre, and from then on saw the theatrical centre move northward from New York's Twenties into the Thirties, and from the Thirties into the Forties and beyond.

The eldest of three brothers whose careers gave life to the thwarted theatrical ambitions of their father, an immigrant Jew peddler, he outlived his contemporaries and many of his successors. He was, for example, sole survivor of the 248 actors and managers who in 1882 founded the Actors' Fund of America. An official of this benevolent institution from the start, he was chosen its president in 1904, and re-elected annually thereafter.

KNOWN TO BROADWAY
As he went on from year to year with interest in the stage and its folk unabated—in January, 1935, he heralded Ida Miller, a ten-year-old tenement district girl, as "one of the greatest finds of my life"—Broadwayites called him "Uncle Dan" and raked their brains for a phrase that would summarize him.

When his father, Henry Frohman, opened a small cigar factory and organized a German theatrical company which gave weekly performances in Sandusky's theatre, Daniel, age eleven, stood in the wings prompting his father and the other actors.

MOVES TO NEW YORK
When he was twelve the family moved to New York. His brother, Gustave, was the first of the three brothers to gain a foothold in the professional theatre when he ran away to join a minstrel troupe. Eventually he found jobs for Daniel and Charles, his brothers.

Charles, the organizing genius of the three, laid the groundwork for the theatrical syndicate which gained control of 225 playhouses throughout the United States and brought on the "theatre war" of the early years of the century.

Daniel, in 1883, founded at the old Lyceum Theatre the Daniel Frohman Stock Company which became a "star factory." He had a genius for discovering new talent and Maude Adams, James K. Hackett, E. H. Sothern, Minnie Maddern Fiske, Henrietta Crossman, Viola Allen, Alison Skipworth, Margaret Illington, Edith Wynne Mathison and Hilda Spong were some of the thespians who could look back to work for Frohman as the real start of stardom.

Searching both sides of the Atlantic for desirable plays, Frohman presented works by Pinero, Jones, Anthony Hope, Howard, Mark Twain, Howells and other "moderns" of the day to appreciative audiences.

VISITS LONDON
On one of his visits to London Frohman saw and heard the late Jan Kibicki, the Czech violinist, brought him to New York in 1901 and "circused" him with great success.

In 1903 Frohman opened a new Lyceum Theatre, "way up north on Forty-Fifth Street." Also that year he married Miss Illington. She scored a notable season-long triumph in 1907 with Kyrie Bellows, in her husband's production of "The Thief," but left him in 1908, saying she was tired of the theatre and wanted "to live a domestic life and darn socks." They were divorced in 1909. She returned to the footlights later, and was married to Major Edward Bowes of theatre and radio fame. She died in 1934.

Frohman retired from active production in 1912, but retained the presidency of the actors' fund. On May 7, 1915, word came that Charles Frohman had gone down with the torpedoed Lusitania off the coast of Ireland, assuring fellow passengers that death was "the most beautiful adventure in life."

DR. W. L. HOLMES CALLED BY DEATH

Retired Physician Was a Resident of Victoria for Past Twenty-Four Years

Following a long illness, Dr. W. L. Holmes, retired physician and resident here for many years, died yesterday morning at his home, 1472 Beach Drive. He was in his eighty-fourth year.

Born in Toronto in 1857, Dr. Holmes was the son of the late Thomas Holmes, editor of a Toronto newspaper published in the days when that city was known as Muddy York. He had resided in Victoria for the past twenty-four years.

Dr. Holmes graduated in medicine from Bellevue, New York, and Toronto University, and practised for over fifty years before his retirement a few years ago.

He is survived by his widow, at the family residence; two daughters, Mrs. A. B. Macdonald, Vancouver, who, with her husband, was spending Christmas with her parents, and one son, Dr. T. C. Holmes, of Burns Lake, B.C.

Funeral services will take place in the Thompson Funeral Home tomorrow at 4 p.m. Rev. T. H. Laundry will conduct the service, which will be followed by cremation.

Obituary
PURDEY—Funeral services for Thomas Richard Purdey were held yesterday afternoon in the chapel of the Sands Mortuary, Ltd. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick and Rev. F. Comley officiated at the service, which was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The casket was covered and surrounded by many beautiful floral offerings. During the service the choir from St. John's Anglican Church, which attended in a body, sang the "Twenty-Third Psalm," and the congregational hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The pallbearers were Alderman J. A. Worthington, William Head, T. Asley, T. Comber, George

Attwood and R. MacKenzie. Interment was made in the Ross Bay Cemetery.

ROSE—Suddenly, at the residence of her son, 2849 Heath Drive, there passed away Wednesday, December 25, Mary Frances Rose at the age of sixty-four years. The late Mrs. Rose was born at Weden, England, and moved to this city nineteen years ago from Kingston, Ont. She leaves one daughter, Miss Elsie Rose, of Ladysmith, B.C.; one son, Francis, Heath Drive, and a sister, Mrs. F. Raynor, of London, England. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of S. J. Curry & Son. Rev. George Biddle will officiate, and cremation will take place in the Royal Oak Crematorium.

PATERSON—At the family residence, 3126 Harriet Road, there passed away Wednesday, Mary Paterson, wife of John Paterson. Born at Westphalia, Germany, the late Mrs. Paterson came to this city twenty years ago after having resided in the Cowichan district for many years. She is survived by her husband, John, Harriet Road. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the parlors of S. J. Curry & Son. Rev. P. C. Hayman will officiate, and cremation will take place in the Royal Oak Crematorium.

INRIG—A large number of friends attended and many beautiful floral tributes were received at the funeral service for Mrs. Elizabeth Cranston Inrig, which took place on Thursday afternoon in McCall Bros. Funeral Chapel. Dr. McKerracher, assisted by Peter Smart and S. Dunn, Vancouver, conducted the service, during which the hymns "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" and "Oh, the Best Friend to Have is Jesus" were sung. Interment was made in Colwood Burial Park, with the following as pallbearers: J. G. Noye (Seattle), F. W. Sawyer, G. T. Stewart, P. Smart, J. Thomson and H. L. Hopkins.

DARE—The death occurred in St. Joseph's Hospital of Delaney Myra Dare, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Dare, Langford. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock in McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel. Interment will be made in Colwood Burial Park.

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED IN FALL
Mrs. Hannah Faulkner, forty-eight, 3336 Shelbourne Street, suffered fatal injuries on Christmas night while visiting friends in Esquimalt. Mistaking the basement door for that of another room, she fell downstairs and struck her head on the cement floor, dying in a few minutes.

Mrs. Faulkner was born in Ulverston, Lancashire, England. She is survived by her husband, Frank Faulkner, who is at present serving with the forces in Eastern Canada, and one daughter, Rhid, at the family residence. The family formerly lived at Kingston, Ont., and Winnipeg, and came to Victoria eighteen months ago.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Thompson Funeral Company.

THOMAS HANWAY DIES
REGINA, Dec. 26 (CP).—Thomas V. Hanway, fifty-eight, one of the best known travelling salesmen in Western Canada for more than a quarter of a century, died in hospital here Tuesday.

ADVOCATE FULL AID TO BRITAIN

Scores of Prominent Americans Sign Telegram to President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (P).—A round robin telegram bearing the names of 169 prominent persons and urging President Roosevelt to do "everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the Axis Powers" was made public by the White House today.

It said that "the materials of war and the military and naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers, so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The appeal was delivered to the White House in the form of a telegram. Attached were the names of educationists, editors, authors, businessmen, religious and labor leaders, and others.

SPONTANEOUS APPEAL
While some of them have been identified in the past with the William Allen White Committee to defend America by aiding the Allies, or its adjuncts, Ulrich Bell, newspaperman and one of the signers, said that no organization was behind the appeal. The White House said that so far as it knew the telegram was spontaneous.

While there was no announcement whether or not the President agreed with the telegram, the fact that it was made public by his official aides caught the attention of Washington. Pledging "complete approval" of the Roosevelt plan to lend arms, aid to Great Britain.

ments to Britain, the telegram also urged the President to tell the country "clearly and boldly" of the chances of British failure and consequences to United States of such an eventuality.

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TIME TO WORRY
 The officer of the day was going his rounds when he saw that one of the sentries was a very raw recruit who was having his first spell of guard duties. Determined to find out whether the young fellow understood his duties, he began to question him.
 "If you saw a general approaching, what would you do?"
 "Call out the guard," the recruit answered.
 "Very good! And if you saw a battle cruiser coming across the parade ground, what would you do then?"
 "Report to the hospital for mental inspection," came the prompt reply.

GIVES DETAILS OF AIR ACTION

Italy Loses Thirty-Nine Planes to Nine British in Albanian Fight

LONDON, Dec. 26 (CP).—Italy lost at least thirty-nine airplanes to nine British losses in operations in the Greek-Italian conflict from November 7 to December 21, the Air Ministry news service announced today, in giving details of Royal Air Force activities in support of the Greeks.

The main damage to Valonia, the Air Ministry report said, "was the explosion of a munition dump on November 11, setting on fire two large ships on December 2, blowing up of a munition dump on December 6, damaging of a large ship on December 7, and of another on December 10, and the burning of barracks on December 14, of a warehouse on December 18, and of petrol (gasoline) dumps on December 19.

A fuel depot in Durazzo was reported "completely gutted" by fire started on November 11, while a 10,000-ton ship was hit November 24, and a small ship nearby set ablaze. Dock explosions were caused on December 15 and 16, the report said.

King Says Empire May Look Ahead With Confidence

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lingly shared. To be good comrades and good neighbors in the trouble is one of the finest opportunities of the civilian population. And by facing hardship and discomfort cheerfully and resolutely not only do they do their own duty but they play their part in helping the fighting services to win the war.

Time and again during the last few months I have seen for myself the battered towns and cities of England and I have seen the British people facing this ordeal. I can say to them all that they may be justly proud of their race and nation. On every side I have seen a new and splendid spirit of good fellowship springing up in adversity, a real desire to share burdens and resources alike.

Out of all this suffering there is growing a harmony which we must carry forward into the days to come when we have endured to the end and victory is ours.

MUST HOLD FAST TO SPIRIT
 Then, when Christmas Days are happy again and good will has come back to the world, we must hold fast to the spirit which binds us all together now. We shall need this spirit in each of our own lives as men and women, and shall need it even more among the nations of the world.

We must go on thinking less about ourselves and more for one another; for so, and so only, can we hope to make the world a better place and life a worthier thing.

And now I wish you all a happy Christmas and a happier New Year. We may look forward to the New Year with sober confidence.

We have surmounted a grave crisis. We do not underestimate the dangers and difficulties which confront us still. But we take courage and comfort from the successes which our fighting men and their allies have won at heavy odds by land and air and sea.

The future will be hard. But our feet are planted on the path of victory, and with the help of God we shall make our way to justice and to peace.

TO MERCHANT SAILORS
 In a special greeting to Britain's merchant sailors and fishermen, the King said today that the British merchant navy and fishing fleets pursuing their calling through the seven seas, and I wish to send them a personal greeting.

You were the first of our civil population to suffer the merciless attacks of the enemy. You have carried on undaunted, maintaining the vital supplies of the Empire. Your courage and daring have been an inspiration to your fellow countrymen, who are now facing the same bitter struggle.

In their name I thank you, and I send you all the best wishes for Christmas and a good landfall.

TALKS TO BE CARRIED ON

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of fortresses—Britain, Gibraltar, Capetown, Suva, Singapore and Australia, to which I should add Hawaii and Panama.

MIGHT BE INVITATION
 In the opinion of some well-informed observers, this amounted to an open invitation to the United States to make whatever use it desired of any of these "fortresses," especially the naval bases at Singapore and Australia.

Hull has emphasized that his talks with the British and Australian diplomats on Pacific questions involved no commitments—no suggestions, requests or decisions, as he put it.

But they were believed, nevertheless, to have developed a close understanding of mutual problems in that area, and to have laid the ground work for parallel action to meet any emergency affecting the interests of both the United States and the British Empire.

CANADA'S MESSAGE TO THEIR MAJESTIES

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP).—The Earl of Athlone made public today the text of a message sent to the King and Queen on behalf of the people of Canada. The message read:

"I have the honor on behalf of the people of Canada to send to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen our respectful good wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

MANY KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

More Than 420 Persons Meet Violent Ends in U.S.—Twenty-Eight in Canada

By The Associated Press
 More than 420 persons died violent deaths as the United States celebrated Christmas Eve and the holiday.

The last Associated Press tally for the nation showed 421 persons dead in traffic accidents, explosions, fires, suicides, drownings, killings and a plane crash.

The same fatalities led the list with 307 reported. The death toll for the three-day Christmas holiday last year was 678.

Of the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia, Ohio led with forty-four deaths, New York forty-one, California thirty.

DEATHS IN CANADA
 TORONTO, Dec. 26 (CP).—Canada's Christmas holiday death toll stood at twenty-eight today with traffic accidents the largest individual cause of death. War preparations accounted for two deaths and other causes included fire, level crossing accidents and falls.

In Ontario, where there had been only thirteen fatalities during a three-day Christmas holiday last year—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—the toll was sixteen. Quebec ranked second with five. Others were reported from Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia.

The worst single tragedy occurred when a fire destroyed the home of James Stein, at Cornwall, Ont., bringing death to Stein's wife and four children, as well as a boarder, eighty-two-year-old Telephone Laprade. Stein alone escaped.

TWO ARMORERS KILLED
 Fatal injuries were suffered by two armorers, Almonzo Fare, twenty-seven, of Quebec City, and Jean-Paul Dorion, nineteen, Levis, when an anti-aircraft gun discharged on a firing range near the Dominion Government arsenal at Valcartier, Que.

In Halifax twenty-four-year-old Able Seaman R. Ayres, of the Royal Naval Reserve, was killed Christmas night when he slipped from the roof of an empty drydock and plunged fifty feet to its steel floor.

Mystery surrounded the death of William Melton, a lumberjack, believed to come from the Owen Sound district, whose body was found in the ice at Blind River, in Northern Ontario. It was known that there was a deep cut behind the man's left ear.

Railway trains killed at least five persons. In Vancouver two persons were killed in automobile accidents.

TROOPS GATHER ON THE BORDER

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Rumania's civil administration. Heretofore, the approximately 15,000 German soldiers already in Rumania have been reputedly used only to guard vital sources of oil supply and to train the Rumanian army in modern methods of warfare.

On the diplomatic front, the Turkish Minister to Bucharest, Hamdiullah Subhi Tannir, arrived in Ankara today to confer with Turkish officials. Simultaneously, some members of the Soviet legation in Bucharest prepared to leave for Moscow.

Russian Minister Lavrentiev was said in reports from the Rumanian capital to have been engaged in important conferences there for the past week.

CONFERENCE ENDS
 Russian, German, Italian and Rumanian experts who had been working nearly two months in Bucharest finally had gone home after failing to decide which nation or group of nations should control the strategically important mouths of the Danube River—the Reich's supply line to the East.

Officially, it was said the meetings would be resumed at the end of January, but informed sources declared there was a wide breach between the Axis-delegates on the one hand and the Russian representatives on the other, with the latter firmly insisting on Soviet Rumanian control of the Danube outlets.

Reports from Bucharest quoted Soviet diplomats as declaring openly that the Red army was preparing to occupy the mouths of the Danube and the Rumanian Province of Moldavia as far west as the Siret River after the first of the year. The Rumanian police sought to stem an exodus of Moldavian residents by denying what they called these "alarmist rumors."

Of Interest to the Deafened

The new Aurex device for the hard-of-hearing is truly amazing in its performance. Whispers, watch ticks, distant voices, etc., can once more be heard in natural tones. Being of the vacuum-tube type, this instrument is entirely different in principle from the old-style carbon aid. Yet it weighs only a few ounces. A demonstration of this instrument is a most interesting experience. This may be had without cost, or obligation on Saturday, December 28, at the offices of Gordon Shaw, 105 Woolworth Bldg. The Canadian representative, Mr. G. F. Hale, will be at our office for the one day only. Arrangements to bring a relative or friend with you. For appointment, phone E 9452.

Announcements

Superfluous hair, moles, birth marks etc., removed by Electrolysis. Miss Hanman, specialist, London, England, over twenty-five years practical experience. Recommended by the medical profession, positive cure guaranteed. Call for booklet. Phone G 7842, 203 Seaford Building.

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Free—Colonist Cookbook, now available, Circulation Department.

City & District

***Coat Taken**—George Foster, Fairfield Hotel, told police early Wednesday morning that his overcoat valued at \$25 had been stolen from a Yates Street restaurant.

Hole Cut—Mrs. H. F. Crowe, 1332 Craigdarroch Road, reported to police that a large hole had been cut in the top of her automobile while parked on Rockland Avenue.

Woman Injured—Mrs. J. Walsh, 2634 Quadra Street, sustained injuries to her nose and one eye at 3:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when she fell over a small gate between two rooms in her home.

Car Found—A car stolen on Tuesday night from J. E. Neely, Douglas Hotel, was found on Harbor Road yesterday morning by Sergeant Roy Woolley and Constable John Blackstock.

Car Prowled—Miss G. Beasley, 943 St. Charles Street, informed police yesterday morning that a silver cigarette case, scarf, bottle of perfume and a parcel had been stolen from her car while parked on View Street.

Library Closed—To permit small repairs to be made to the Victoria Public Library, the building will remain closed today. The library will be open again tomorrow at the regular hour.

Eggs Thrown—R. R. Delicate, Patricia Bay, reported to police at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning that some unidentified person hurled three eggs at him from an upper floor of a building at View and Douglas Streets.

Man Injured—Arthur Irwin, 316 Douglas Street, was treated in St. Joseph's Hospital at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning for a cut on the head sustained when he slipped and fell while alighting from a taxi on Johnson Street.

Christmas Tree—The Orange Lodges of Victoria will entertain the children of the members today at 2:30 p.m. in the Orange Hall. A programme of moving pictures, dancing and ventriloquism will be featured.

Inquest Today—An inquest into the death of Lorne Russell, a seaman in the R.C.N.V.R., will be held in Thomson's Funeral Home by Dr. C. C. Hunt, the coroner, at 10 o'clock this morning. Russell sustained fatal injuries on Monday night when struck by an automobile on Admirals Road.

Cyclist Hurt—Gordon Hunter, fourteen, 35 Linden Avenue, received injuries to his right ankle when his bicycle skidded into an automobile driven by Monty Powell, Quarrier Cab Company, at Cook and Burdett Streets, about 5:40 p.m. yesterday as a city police report stated. The boy was taken home by the driver of the car.

City Temperatures—Maximum and minimum temperatures recorded yesterday at the Dominion Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill were 46 degrees and 41 degrees, respectively. The maximum temperature observed on the grounds of the Strathcona Hotel was 48 degrees and the minimum 42 degrees. The precipitation at the latter location was .01 inch.

Fire—The city fire department attended a chimney fire at 908 Cook Street at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, a false alarm at Pandora Avenue and Fernwood Road at 5:19 o'clock in the afternoon, and an overheated sawdust burner at 757 View Street at 10:45 o'clock at night. The Saanich fire department quelled a fire under a hearth in the home of Wilfred Heil, Ralph Street, at 11:10 o'clock the same night.

SHOCK IN SEVILLE
 SEVILLE, Spain, Dec. 26 (AP).—An earth shock lasting two seconds roused the people of Seville from their sleep early today. The quake shook house lights, but caused no appreciable damage.

Announcements

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FOURTEEN CARS IN ACCIDENTS

Few Injured in Christmas Day Crashes Attended By City Policemen

Automobiles driven by James McBey, 612 Boleskine Road, and Gordon R. Payne, 3212 Aldridge Street, sustained damage at 1:12 o'clock Wednesday morning when they collided at Cook Street and Princess Avenue.

At 1:25 o'clock a car parked at Quadra and Broughton Streets, owned by Mrs. C. L. Lay, 2519 Carey Road, sustained damage when struck by a machine in charge of James Purdy, 118 Robertson Street.

Machines in charge of Frank White, Sooke, and George Sanders were damaged in a collision at Cook Street and Pandora Avenue at 2:10 o'clock. Mr. White sustained a deep cut on one finger.

A car driven by Enoch Ferriday, and another in charge of J. A. McIvor, Esquimalt, sustained damage at 3 o'clock in the afternoon when they collided at Cook Street and Queens Avenue.

TWO ARE INJURED
 Cars in charge of Frank H. Tector, 3309 Whittier Street, and Gordon Paine, 3429 Bethune Avenue, were damaged at 5:15 o'clock when they collided at Michigan and Menzies Streets. Mrs. Tector was injured and bruised. Mr. Tector sustained a cut over his left eye.

At 4:30 o'clock automobiles driven by Leslie M. Evans, 120 Turner Street, and Robert Brotherson, 315 Huntington Place, were damaged in a crash at Fort and Wharf Streets.

At the intersection of Yates and Vancouver Streets, machines in charge of Leonard Foster, 3 Erie Street, and Herbert Richens, Duncan, sustained damage when they collided at 5:25 o'clock.

GREEKS TAKE HIGH TOLL OF FASCISTS

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ura in the central sector continued. The Greek spokesman said that north and northwest of Chlirna "Italian troops suffered another defeat," and "the enemy was thrown back on his abandoning line, which he held."

A new mountain height was taken by the Greeks there, the spokesman said.

EVIDENCE OF CONFUSION
 During a Greek mopping-up operation in the Drinos River region, he said: "We captured five officers and sixty-five men belonging to five different units of three different branches of arms. This is evidence of the confusion prevailing in the enemy ranks."

A Christmas bombing of Corfu by Italian aircraft after British airmen had "bombed" the island with gifts was announced by the Greek High Command. The Italians killed fifteen persons and wounded about thirty.

Most of the victims were women and children, the High Command said. It added:

NO MILITARY TARGETS
 "Since the outbreak of the war, Corfu has been bombed twenty-three times. According to international agreement, Corfu is an open town, where there are no military targets. The Italian raids were directed against the civil population exclusively."

British Royal Air Force flyers earlier in the day had dropped packages of gifts to a large throng in the little island in the Ionian Sea.

The inhabitants had been told in advance of the aerial expedition. The presents, British sources said, were in appreciation of kindnesses shown British airmen who have had to land on Corfu.

IMPORTANT VILLAGE TAKEN
 BITOLJA, Yugoslavia, Dec. 26 (AP).—Greek patrols have entered the village of Lin on Lake Ochrida, fifteen miles north of Pogradetz on the road to Elbasan, according to reports reaching this town near the Albanian frontier.

Military informants said the capture of Lin, which the Italians defended stubbornly, would open the way for Greek columns to push northward to attempt a flanking move against Elbasan, only thirty miles from Tirana, the Albanian capital.

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Entertainments Held for Kiddies

The children of St. Saviour's Sunday School were entertained in the church hall during the holiday. The junior department played games on December 21. Miss Alice Stone and Miss Joan Walker, the teachers, being in charge, and supper was served later. A number of the church congregation and parents joined in the fun around the Christmas tree, which was loaded with gifts distributed by Mrs. Hatcher. On Monday a sit-down supper was served to the intermediate group by the teachers, and carol-singing, led by Mr. Smith, of the Cathedral staff, was enjoyed later. All the classes took part in a programme, in which Noreen Burrey was applauded for her singing of "Wish Me Luck," followed by a tap dance. The boys specially enjoyed the tricks which were arranged by the superintendent.

A group of girls, directed by their

teachers, Mrs. White and Mrs. Willis, staged an impressive religious and musical play, "The Christmas Voice." Frank Oasleton, one of the guest children from Grimby, England, handed the presents from the decorated tree to the boys and girls.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Shirley School's closing concert, held recently, reflected great credit upon the teacher, Mrs. Gildea, and the pupils. After the programme, the gifts on the tree were distributed by Santa Claus and games were played. Men from the military camp at Otter Point provided music for the dance which followed. The school children had made and furnished a doll's house and this was offered as a prize in a contest which realized the sum of \$14 for the Junior Red Cross.

LONDON.—There are a lot of provincial men driving army lorries, a London "bobby" complains. One asked direction to Piccadilly. "You're in it, son," the constable replied.

In the Realm of Women

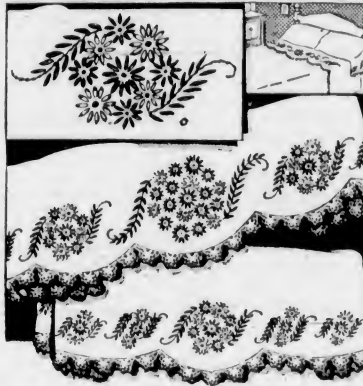
Members of Beaux-Arts Hold Annual Snow Ball

The Beaux-Arts Society's ninth annual Snow Ball was held last night in the Empress Hotel, and was attended by about 300 dancers. The proceeds of the ball will be devoted to a fund set aside for producing plays and entertainments which the members plan to give for the men of His Majesty's forces.

The ballroom was effectively decorated for the occasion, the "snow" theme being carried out in an original way. At either side of the orchestra platform stood a gigantic "snow-man," while on the dark curtain behind, a glittering herald made an effective background. Round the walls were cleverly-painted posters depicting penguins, these being the handiwork of Miss Hope Denbigh and her brother, Mr. Peter Denbigh.

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GALA NIGHT

Plans are being made for a Gala Night at the Victoria Hostess House, Fort Street, on Saturday, when a special programme will be given. All servicemen and their friends are invited.

FLYING M-F'S CHOICE

BIRKENHEAD—"I don't mind being attacked in the air, but I do hate being bombed," said Col. Sandeman Allen, M.P. for Birkenhead, after he had been attacked by Messerschmitts while flying to London.

Viewed From the Distaff Side

By CONSTANCE LYNCH

Now that it's all over but the shouting and the murmurs—believe me there are some murmurs—the astonishing thing is that some recipients of presents have retained the power even to murmur. Take the "Glamorous Sweet Seventeen," for instance, who opened toward the end with a slightly glassy eye, be it admitted! Seventeen boxes of candy. A student of Shakespeare, she might be excused for paraphrasing Mr. Shylock and saying: "Hath not a girl hands to be gloved, a nose to be powdered, lips to be lipstick, not to mention legs to be stockinged?" But not! Sweets to the sweet! The boxes of candy get mixed up and as she languidly takes another sugar-coated nut she has no idea which nut's nut she's eating.

Some benevolent person should open an "If I Might Suggest" bureau at Christmas time where swains, semi-swains, could get advice as to what kind of gift he can give her without being viewed in the light of a possible permanent meat ticket, and which her mamma would allow her to accept, and which would, at the same time, square his mamma that it's the sort of thing he could, or should, give her. All very complicated. Probably the chocolate box is the best "out" after all.

PRIVATE LIFE OF MISTLETOE
We've been reading of Yuletide customs adopted in Canada, and amongst other things about mistletoe traditions. But what about investigating committees there would seem to be no reason why the veil should not be raised on its private life. Even mistletoe bushes lead a sort of double life. They are not always what they seem. Believe it or not, they're sexy. "By their fruits ye shall know them" could never be more truly applied to the mistletoe. Mr. and Mrs. Mistletoe, if you please. And she takes all the berries. The female mistletoe knows a thing or two about women's rights in the springtime, time he bears, as well as she, the poor petal-less affairs that are the flowers and then later in the year

she decks herself out with gleaming pearls, but nary a one wears her! In the case of the mistletoe, old Mother Nature does one of her fancy tricks. Each berry contains one seed, wrapped up in the well-known pearly white coat of pulpy substance. Along comes the misanthrope, who has always so loved the berries of the mistle twig that his name still carries the obsolete form of mistle (mistle) toe twig. He adores the pulp, but the seeds don't agree with his digestive apparatus, so he deposits them on the branches of trees. Here they get into the crevices of the bark and the age-old business of germination recommences.

"BONNE BOUCHE" WITH TEA OR TAILS
Ever since Eve first told her daughter-in-law how to make a date salad, one woman has loved to tell another what to do to edibles to make them more so. Here is a versatile treasure.

Procure some wafer-thin chipped beef it comes looking coyly through a glass jar at the delicatessen counter) and some cream or cottage cheese, which should be seasoned according to your own mild or wild fancy. Having assembled the ingredients and planned afore you the most attractive of your Christmas tree pinaflores, put into a small roll some of the seasoned cheese and wrap it gently and lovingly in a little pink coat made of a narrow strip of the beef—just enough to button together: with a swiftly stabbed-in miniature skewer, commonly called a "pick." Or smaller portions of the meat may be pressed into the yielding sides of a little mound of cheese and placed atop a crisp buttered cracker. Whichever way you choose (or both ways) pile the tidbits on a tawny plate of polished wood where the rosy meat with its snowy partner will blush becomingly from behind a garnish of fresh parsley.

This little fellow marches well with cocktails, but being a good mixer he's quite happy to jog along to afternoon tea.

Weddings

HARMSTON-NORRIS

The marriage was solemnized in the Church of Our Lord, Free Church of England, at 8 o'clock last evening by Rev. Canon Bird, of Virginia Mae, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Norris, 556 Toronto Street, and Sergeant Malcolm John Harmston, R.C.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harmston, 944 Easter Road. The organist was in attendance, and as the register was being signed, the choir led in the singing of the hymn, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." The Christmas decorations made a festive setting for the ceremony, and sprigs of holly tied with ribbon marked the guest pews.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore a princess gown of heavy ivory tulle, with a short train and long pointed sleeves, her only ornament being a double strand of pearls, which had been her mother's. Her veil fell from a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a sheaf of Calla lilies. Miss Joyce Norris was her sister's maid of honor, in a floor-length frock of shell-pink satin with a short-sleeved jacket, and a spray of fresh pink carnations and white roses in her hair. The bridesmaids were Miss Eileen Clarke, in a rose tulle gown, and Miss Grace Adams, in Alice blue tulle, who wore Juliet caps of net, trimmed with clusters of flowers and streamers at each side, and all three carried Colonial posies of blending flowers. E.R.A.

DUVAL-PARKER

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 12:30 o'clock on Christmas Day in St. Alban's Anglican Church, when Rev. F. Comley united in marriage Phyllis Parker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, of Victoria, and Mr. Alan Murray Duval, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Duval, West Saanich Road. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a flowered silk dress with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Neil Duval was the best man. After the ceremony a reception for immediate relatives only was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duval will live in Victoria.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Wilkinson Road United Church Sunday school was held in the school room on Monday evening when games for the juniors were followed by games and contests for the whole school. Prizes for proficiency in Scripture study were presented by Mrs. John Hoy, and this was followed by interesting lantern slides by Mr. Percy Willis of the life of Christ and modern conditions in Palestine. Three cheers by the scholars expressed to Mr. Willis their appreciation. Miss Beryl Whitehead and Mr. Jack Ritz arranged the programme, at the conclusion of which refreshments were served by Mrs. J. L. Swales, assisted by Mrs. E. Booyman, Mrs. B. Hodgson and Misses Betty Lindsay, Eva Phillips and Jessie Swales. Greetings to the scholars and workers and a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were expressed by Mr. H. H. Green, the superintendent. With Rev. W. Allan accompanying at the piano, all joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the National Anthem.

RUBBER MOGUL

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Women's Institutes

SHIRLEY

The annual meeting of the Shirley W.I. was held recently at the home of Mrs. E. Banner, with the president, Mrs. M. A. Clark, in the chair. The secretary, Mrs. T. E. Cross, presented the report of the work done during the year. Twelve quarts of jam were sent to the Solium last month, and \$5 donated to the Christmas tree. Mrs. Clark reported on the district conference and that she had also placed a wreath on the Bookie war memorial on Armistice Day, the institute paying for the poppies. Two visitors were present at the meeting. The election resulted in the executive being returned by acclamation: Mrs. M. A. Clark, president; Mrs. E. Banner, vice-president; Mrs. T. E. Cross, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Shannon and Mrs. E. Clark, directors; Mrs. H. P. Anderson and Mrs. W. J. Millikan, auditors. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Kaulitz, in January. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Pioneer of Nanaimo Enjoys Christmas

NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—Ninety-five-year-old Mrs. Hannah Goddard enjoyed her Christmas dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anderson, Front Street, with whom she lives. Mrs. Goddard, a well-known pioneer, is in good health, is a little hard of hearing but enjoys radio programmes. She says she had a good Christmas and "considers the Lord very good to her."

Y.P.S. NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church had an enjoyable Christmas party on Friday evening. Over fifty members and friends were present. Arthur McCoy led the community singing. Games, led by Arthur McCoy and William Goddard, were then played. A short play, entitled "Christmas Chime," was presented by Nancy Cameron, Esther Williams, Arthur McCoy and William Goddard. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus, who distributed gifts from a large, prettily-decorated tree.

BARGAIN FOR BRIDES

PITZGERALD, Ga., Dec. 26 (CP).—Justice of the Peace J. J. Keller runs this newspaper advertisement. "Leap Year clearance bargain wedding—complete with (1) license, (2) marriage certificate, (3) recording fee, (4) legal civic ceremony—our regular \$4 value, special this week only for brides over eighteen in Ben Hill County, complete legal marriage, \$3."

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LONELY LOVERS WED

CAMDEN, N.J., Dec. 26 (AP).—Christmas bells were wedding bells for Mrs. Clara A. Barrie, ninety-four, and John Upeneck, sixty-nine, it became known today.

Mr. and Mrs. Upeneck decided to marry, they said, because both were "lonesome" after the death of their respective mates.

LONDON.—Fewer than fifty barbers were called in London this term, a record low because of the war. One woman donned wig and gown in the abbreviated ceremony.

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Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest



Social and Personal New Suggestions for Wearing at College

Host at Dinner

Mr. Ted English entertained a number of his fellow students at Oak Bay High School at a delightful dinner given at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. English, Dewdney Avenue. The reception rooms, cleared for dancing, were attractively decorated with holly and greenery, festoons of red and green on the walls, and colored balloons. An orchestra led by Bob Nickels, also a fellow student in Grade XII, provided favorite dance numbers during the evening. Towards midnight a buffet supper was served. The invited guests included Misses Phyllis Pritchard, Ruth Walker, Barbara Hill, Winifred Pritchard, Sheila Adamson, Jean Sinclair, Patsy Scurrell, Sheila Pealson, Hilda Soulsby, Jean and Bobby Murray, Edna White, Jean and Grace Campbell, Phoebe Turnbull, Nancy Stephenson, Betty Anne McCarter, Hilda Russell, Phyllis Mill, Nan Wilson, Phyllis Corbett, Philippa Beckton, Evelyn Wells, Mary Sager, Winona Carruthers, Margaret Junger, Betty Lou Horton, Maureen McCallum, Anne Reynolds, and Messrs. Bill McCarter, Ian Harris, Bob Cooks, John McDonnell, Chignell Bostock, Jim Squire, Bob and Harry Doe, Frank Lindsay, John and Rodney Darlins, Jack Stonehewer, Walter Blandy, Alan Wright, Peter Hobson, Arnold Walker, Fred De Beck, David and Peter Pudney, David Havard, Gordon Harwood, Gordon Lough, Denis Young, Neville Colley, Howard Baker, Ted Clavard, John Dewey, Niall Forster, Peter Mangin, John Jones, Jarvis Timberlake, Tom Whittemore and Larry Wilson.

Christmas at Beach Hotel

The Christmas dinner and dance at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel on Christmas Night was a delightful gathering, the large number of children and family parties bringing an atmosphere of homelike informality. There were 220 guests and dinner was served in the main dining-room and in the private dining-room, both of which were bright with Christmas trees, pine and fir boughs, silver bells and red and green candles. In the lounge, where dancing and games were enjoyed after dinner, the Christmas decorations were in a color scheme of blue and silver. Among those who reserved tables for both large and small parties of relatives and friends were Mr. and Mrs. Justice and Mrs. O'Halloran, Dr. and Mrs. Plakett, Mrs. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Kohl, Mrs. Daw, Mr. B. Blundell, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Scurrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Malek, Mrs. H. Nicholson, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grogan, Engineer

Captain and Mrs. G. L. Stephens, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Porteous, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Biggan, Mrs. Young, Mr. W. Paltson, Miss Walls, Mrs. Ronald Gillespie, Colonel Costans, Mr. Nicolle, Mr. T. H. Johnson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McAdie, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Archbutt, and Mrs. Park.

Gifts Presented

Mrs. A. P. Fryatt and Miss Elsie Fryatt entertained recently at the tea hour at their home on Snowdrop Avenue in honor of Miss Phyllis Irish, a bride-to-be. The rooms were gay with Christmas decorations, and upon the arrival of the guest of honor, corsage bouquets were presented to Miss Irish, Mrs. Irish and Mrs. Robinson by little Marilyn Reid, and from the assembled guests, who are also members of the staff of David Spencer, Ltd., a trilliant lamp was presented. Miss D. Stocken presided at the tea table, which was covered with an ecru lace cloth and lighted by tall cream tapers. The guests included Mesdames A. Irish, Robinson, I. Smith, M. Smith, S. Ralph, E. Pollock, Wilders, D. Reid, the Misses Winnie Hooper, Barbara Bradford, Lila Crothers, Bertha Darby, Winnie Graham, Margaret Johnston, Kitty Freethy, Iona McDermott, Violet Gandy, Betty Scott, Betty Dwyer, Dora Stocken, Kelo Hamilton, Lucy Ross, Vera Hunter, Eileen Mulcahy, Elsie Fryatt, Joyce Dickson, Marjory Dickson, and Messrs. Bill Erb, Ed. Pearson, Alex Warren, W. B. Wilkinson, Pat Preston and Waktman.

At Golf Club

The Victoria Golf Club was attractively decorated with greenery, poinsettias and chrysanthemums for the Christmas dinner party, which was much enjoyed by the crowd of guests attending. Among the seventy guests were Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lennox, Miss Jean Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Todd, Miss Marjorie Todd, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, Miss Elizabeth Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pangman, Mr. Douglas Pangman (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Haynes, Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Hughes, Miss Gloria Wilson, Mr. Elbeek Wilson, Miss Margaret Sutcliffe, Mr. G. Verley and Mr. A. B. Crump.

Christmas at Royal Oak With four enormous log fires adding their dancing light to that of many candles set in the midst of evergreen and berried holly about



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TAKE these back to college for a brighter term. Upper left is the sailor's pea jacket in such good color combinations as navy or green lined with red, or red lined with blue, and worn with a knitted cap for chilly days. Right is the South American saddle bag interpreted in hand-knitted wool. You can wear it in many ways, with one pocket making a turban and the other a muff, or simply as a scarf. Boots

are urgent necessities, indoors and out. The soft after-ski sock shown below the jacket is of wool, knitted to fit well, and has a felt sole. The rubber boot is to pull on over your shoes for snow or thaw. It comes in brown or black. Lower left are warm cloths for the cold months, a chunky sweater in any gay color, knitted in cable stitch, and a skirt that will double for skating or other sports, of wool jersey in

of guests on Christmas Eve at their home on Joan Crescent.

Entertain Friends Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow entertained yesterday afternoon at their usual Boxing Day party.

Quintuplets Hear Message Of the King

CALLANDER, Ont. Dec. 26 (CP).—Even Santa Claus had to take a back seat in the affections of the Dionne Quintuplets once the six-year-old sisters heard the voice of the King in his broadcast Christmas Day message to the Empire.

The quintuplets have considered King George and Queen Elizabeth among their best friends since the day last year when they met Their Majesties in Toronto. As the King began to speak the children forgot their countless gifts and clustered around the nursery radio.

Their knowledge of English rather scant as yet, the girls listened intently as their nurses translated parts of the King's message into French. Once the speech was completed, the children rejoined the rest of the Dionne family in holiday festivities.

Gifts Opened

The sisters scrambled for their beds before daylight to see what Santa had left for them beneath the tinsel-draped Christmas tree. Gifts were received from all parts of the continent.

After a hurried examination of parcels Mass was held in the nursery chapel. During the service, Emile, Yvonne, Marie, Cecile and Annette sang carols and hymns and offered prayer for the boys and girls in England and the men of His Majesty's armed forces.

Early on Christmas night a dinner was served, with turkey, ice cream and a lighted cake on the menu. After dinner the children played with their toys for a brief period before lights out.

BEYOND REASON

The man who had received a notice from the tax collector was both indignant and mystified. He was called upon to pay \$500 forthwith. He hadn't \$5.

He wrote back as follows: "Dear Sir,—On my income tax return I clearly stated my profession, which you appear to have misunderstood. You demand \$500 forthwith. I am a contractor—not a conjurer!"

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Many friends called yesterday afternoon and last evening on Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rossiter, Tyndal Avenue, to pay them honor and extend congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, and a feature of the celebration was the presentation of a generously filled purse. Mr. L. Hollins, on behalf of the many who subscribed to the gift, made the presentation in a happily-expressed little speech.

Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter's marriage took place at Nunney Parish Church, Somersetshire, England, on December 26, 1890. Some years later they moved to Canada, and twelve years ago they left Tantallon, Saskatchewan, to make their home in the Gordon Head district. Two sons are still living at Tantallon. Rev. T. G. Griffiths, pastor of St. Adolph's Church; Rev. J. S. Patterson and Mr. W. Harvey also made short speeches.

The prettily-arranged tea table had for its centerpiece the big wedding cake, lettered in gold and trimmed with a spray of Christmas roses, and arranged about it were vases of roses, chrysanthemums and Scottish heather, while all through the house were flowers sent by friends, with messages of congratulation.

Among the many who attended the informal reception were: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCung, Mr. Luke Hollins, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Rix, Mr. and Mrs. Raper, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Renouf, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul, Rev. T. G. Griffiths, Mrs. Annie Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tucker, Mrs. J. Dunnett, Miss J. Dunnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Patterson, Miss A. Somers, Mr. and

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the mantelpieces and guest-tables, the Royal Oak Inn's first Christmas dinner, attended by about eighty guests, was like an old-fashioned family gathering, with impromptu carol-singing in which the guests joined with gusto. After the leisurely, full-course dinner many other guests joined the party for the dancing, for which music was provided by a five-piece orchestra. Much of the happy spirit of the evening was generated by the Gail Horthy quartette, which sang from the balcony in the old-fashioned Elizabethan manner. The quartette comprised Mr. Horthy, Miss Elaine Basanta, Miss Frances Dutton and Mr. John Bray.

Married in Greece
Mrs. P. J. Campbell, 140 Moss Street, has received word that her son, Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell, D.F.C., was married recently in Athens, his bride being Miss Alice Rooney, an English resident of Greece. A note in the magazine Newsweek read: "A bridegroom was at the controls of a British Sunderland flying boat which skinned the rooftops of Athens on November 2 as a symbol of British assistance to Greece. He was the Canadian-born Lieutenant W. Weir Campbell, who made a forced landing off Greece two months ago, and during the subsequent internment met Miss Alice Rooney, an English resident of Greece. They were married on the day before Campbell flew his released ship back into active service."

Attended "Bundles" Ball
Among the 2,000 guests who attended the Bundles-for-Britain ball held in Portland last Friday evening, in aid of a special fund earmarked for the purchase of surgical instruments and children's hospital cots for Great Britain, were Colonel and Mrs. T. M. Knox, of Victoria, who have been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Knox, and small granddaughter, Patsy. Among the members of the ball committee who have many friends here as the result of frequent visits to Victoria were Mesdames Frank Kerr and Thomas Kerr.

Service Men Entertained
The Victoria Hostess House, Fort Street, was the rendezvous last evening for about fifty service men who, with their friends, enjoyed games and dancing, refreshments

being served during the evening. At the Equilmalt Hostess House, Park Drive, a number of men were guests at dinner at noon, remaining to play games and take part in contests during the afternoon, while in the evening they were joined by friends and enjoyed carol singing, the Christmas story, as told by Miss Blyth, and more games. Before they left, Miss Blyth served Christmas cake and coffee.

Entertain Friends
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster Corbett, Linkleas Avenue, entertained a party of twenty-two at their home on Christmas Day. Mrs. Corbett's sons, Mr. Fraser Shepherd, of the University of British Columbia, and Mr. Alastair Shepherd, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas season here. Mr. Corbett went up-Island yesterday.

Leaves for Toronto
Miss Annie Clara Patterson, Pembroke Street, left yesterday for Toronto, where she will be the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cameron, 428 Gladstone Avenue, for a few days prior to her marriage to Private Jack Croston, of The Canadian Scottish Regiment, Nova Scotia.

Here From East
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Winslow

Now Recuperating
Lieut. H. W. N. Moorhouse, of the Canadian Army Training Centre No. 111, Gordon Head, who has been a patient in Equilmalt Military Hospital for the past six weeks, has returned to his home, 632 Moss Street, where he is recuperating.

En Route to New York
Mrs. Arthur Miller, who came from Oliver, B.C., to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. G. M. Tripp, Yale Street, Oak Bay, left today for the Mainland en route East to join Mr. Miller in New York.

Arrives From Kingston
Gentleman Cadet Desmond Holmes arrived here from the Royal Military College, Kingston, on Christmas Eve to spend the holiday with his parents, Major and Mrs. H. C. Holmes, Newport Avenue.

Return for Visit
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs, former Victorians, who have been living in Vancouver for several years, have returned for an extended stay here, and are guests for the present at the Windermere Hotel.

Christmas Guests
Miss Lonsdale, of Shawnigan Lake, and Miss Mary Hobson, of Portland, Ore., are the guests of Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Newport Avenue.

Christmas Eve Party
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. D. Campbell were "at home" to a large number

Witty Kitty



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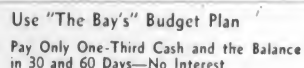
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"I was in Le Touquet," he said.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26 (AP).—Seven persons were killed instantly and four others were critically injured Tuesday when two motor cars skidded on wet pavement and collided head on about seventeen miles south of Savannah.

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MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

BIGGEST FLEET
OF AGED SHIPSSeventy-One Per Cent of U.S.
Merchant Marine Is Over
Twenty Years Old

Despite the United States Maritime Commission construction programme and its ahead-of-schedule completions and launchings, the American merchant marine is still the most "aged" of all merchant fleets, a recent study by the American Bureau of Shipping of the U.S.M.C. building programme reveals.

More than 71 per cent of the United States ocean-going merchant ships over 2,000 tons in weight are over twenty years old, the study reveals.

On October 1 of this year there were 1,304 ocean-going vessels of more than 2,000 tons flying the American flag. Ships under all flags amounted to 8,742.

The figures of the United States Bureau of Shipping are for October 1 of this year for American shipping and July 1, 1939, for all other merchant fleets. These are the latest authentic figures available and are

subject to changes due to war losses and new construction.

Only 101 American vessels, 7.8 per cent, as of October 1, were under five years of age. Of other merchant fleets, 15.6 per cent, or 1,367 ships, were in this class. America has thirty-eight ships between five and ten years, or 2.9 per cent of its fleet, as against 863, or 6.9 per cent for the rest of the world.

Between the ages of ten and fifteen years the United States had fifty-six ships, or 4.3 per cent, the rest of the world 1,565, or 17.9 per cent of its merchant marine. There were 175 American ships between fifteen and twenty years, or 13.4 per cent, as against 1,884, or 21.5 per cent for the rest of the world.

OVER-AGE CLASS
In the over-age class, the United States had 770 vessels, or 59 per cent ranging from twenty to twenty-five years, while there were 184 ships, or 12.6 per cent older than twenty-five years. The rest of the world's over-age vessels consisted of 1,262 ships, or 14.7 per cent, between twenty and twenty-five years, and 1,781 ships, or 20.4 per cent, over twenty-five years.

While the rest of the world had 43.4 per cent of its ships under sixteen years of age the United States had on only 15 per cent or 195 ocean-going ships. The average age of ocean-going ships is 19.6 years.

PROMOTED TO
PRAIRIE POSTVancouver Rail Official Going
To Winnipeg as C.P.R.
District Engineer

T. E. PRICE

Division engineer for the Vancouver division of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Vancouver since 1912, T. E. Price, will go to Winnipeg, January 1, to the post of district engineer, Manitoba district, succeeding J. C. Holden, retired.

Promotion in the ranks of the company which he has served in British Columbia since 1907 in various engineering capacities means, however, that he will be distant from his beloved mountains. Mountaineering is his hobby and he is vice-chairman of the Garibaldi Park board, on which he has sat since 1927.

"Tommy" Price came as an infant to Vancouver in 1887 from Liverpool, England, and has literally grown up with Vancouver, attending schools at Moodyville and Vancouver, and graduating from McGill in 1910. All of his service with the C.P.R. has been in British Columbia. He worked on the Vancouver and Lulu Island branch, and on construction of this line became resident engineer. He was a member of the reconnaissance party for revision, location and construction of the Wellington-Nanosee Bay line of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island, was assistant masonry inspector at Nelson for a time, and in 1911 was assistant engineer in charge of field work of certain hydro-electric surveys in British Columbia and was active in

Are Training in Canada



Training in Canada for the Day When They Will Take to the Air Against the Axis. These Members of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, Studying as Radio Operators, Are Shown in One of Their Classrooms.

construction of the Coptitum terminals.

Appointed division engineer at Vancouver in 1912, he was absent for fifteen months during the first Great War with the Railway Corps, resuming his Vancouver C.P.R. post in May, 1919.

Mrs. Price also has been active in Vancouver's community life and is president of the Vancouver City Parent-Teacher Federation.

INVESTIGATING CRASH

EDMONTON, Dec. 26 (CP)—Officials of the Dominion Government Civil Aviation Branch here today were investigating the crash of a privately-owned, light monoplane piloted by Jack Irwin, of Calgary. The propeller, rudder and part of the wing were slightly damaged in a forced landing. Tuesday, near Ponoka, while on a trip from Edmonton to Calgary. Cause of the forced landing was not known here.

MAIL AND SHIPS

WEATHER REPORT

ESTEVAN—Overcast; north, light; 22 to 43; moderate swell.
LESLAND ISLAND—Raining; north, light; 20 to 65; moderate swell.
CAHNAH—Part cloudy; calm; 29.58; moderate swell.
CAPE BEALE—Raining; southeast, light; 29 to 62; heavy swell.

COASTING CRAFT

VICTORIA VANCOUVER—Sa Princess Kathleen or Sa Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Vancouver at 4 p.m. Sa Princess Kathleen or Sa Princess Margaret will leave Vancouver daily for Victoria at 11 a.m. Sa Princess Kathleen or Sa Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Seattle at 4:30 p.m. Sa Princess Kathleen or Sa Princess Margaret will leave Seattle daily for Victoria at 1:15 p.m. Sa Princess Kathleen or Sa Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Port Angeles at 8:30 a.m.

Piloted Gift Plane
To Montreal

JIMMY MATTERN

THE twin-engined Hudson bomber which the workers of the Lockheed Vega plant at Burbank, California, built for presentation to Great Britain, was flown to Montreal on Christmas Day by Jimmy Mattern, veteran round-the-world flyer and a prominent figure in American aviation for a number of years. His assistant on the flight from California was Maurice de Smet, who acted as co-pilot and engine mechanic.

PRELIMINARY
WORK STARTSShips for Great Britain Will
Be Built at New
Maine Yard

SOUTH PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 26 (AP)—Heavy machinery arrived today at the forty-acre site where preliminary work has begun on construction of a big shipyard where thirty merchantmen for Britain will be built.

A 1,500-foot coffer dam will be put up to hold back the waters of Portland harbor.

The basin, where officials expect the first seven keels for the 410-foot ships will be laid in a few months, will be 750 feet along the waterfront and will extend back 450 feet from the low water mark.

The thirty vessels will cost \$50,000,000, it is estimated, and the new shipyards will employ between 4,000 and 5,000 men.

SHIP SENDS OUT
APPEAL FOR AIDBritish Freighter Everleigh Reports
Being Shelled and Chased in At-
lantic by Enemy Submarine

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—A dash for safety by the British steamship Everleigh to escape the shells of a pursuing submarine was told yesterday in two terse distress signals.

In her first appeal for aid the 8,222-ton freighter was reported as being shelled by the submarine approximately 650 miles west of the northern tip of Scotland.

Three hours later Mackay Radio picked up this message from the vessel at 8:50 a.m. (M.S.T.): "Still being shelled and chased by submarine."

The position given—latitude 59.20 north, longitude 21.20 west—was about forty miles northeast of the spot where the ship was first attacked.

The Everleigh, which traded between Belgium and Britain before the war, was built in 1930 and is owned by the Atlantic Shipping & Trading Company. Her home port is London.

ARMY PLANE CRASHES

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26 (AP)—A railroad engineer reported to Johnstown police today that an

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SECOND BIG HIT



JAPAN AND THAILAND AGREE TO NEGOTIATE

TOKIO, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Government announced Tuesday that Japan and Thailand had agreed to respect each other's territorial integrity and to consult on all questions of common interest under a five-year treaty signed December 6.

The treaty does not, however, provide for mutual assistance in

case either party is attacked by a third power, the announcement said.

WANT DOMINANT VOICE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (AP).—The dominant voice in the administration of Shanghai's International Settlement was asked today by the Shanghai Japanese Taxpayers' Association in a message by its president, Yukichi Hayashi, Japanese, say there are 20,000 Japanese living in Shanghai.

FOOD SUPPLIES IN EIRE SHORT

De Valera Is Seeking Aid of United States — Finds Neutrality Difficult

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Prime Minister Eamon De Valera of Eire, in a Christmas message recorded by the Columbia Broadcasting System, declared his country's "overshadowing anxiety at the moment seems to be today's possibility of incitement which would force our people once more to battle against Britain and the British."

Addressing the United States in a broadcast from Dublin, De Valera declared that, at the beginning of the war, Eire proclaimed its neutrality as the only course "possible in our circumstances," and added that his country wanted to buy weapons from the United States to help maintain her neutrality.

"That neutrality would bring special problems and difficulties of its own was well recognized," he said.

De Valera said the Irish army and other lines of defence had been greatly strengthened as precautionary measures.

Stocks of food and raw materials "are being steadily exhausted" by the blockade of the islands, and De Valera asked Americans "to help us, should the blockade grow tighter, to secure the supply of foodstuffs which are essential to our people."

LAGUARDIA SENDS MESSAGE TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Mayor LaGuardia in a Christmas Day broadcast to Britain said that millions of Americans "prayed for the people of Great Britain" on the holiday. "We Americans and the people of Great Britain want peace," said the mayor. "We love peace, but we refuse to burn the Testament and renounce our Constitution."

LEGISLATURE SUMMONED

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Ontario Legislature has been summoned into session on February 19, it is announced in the current edition of The Ontario Gazette. The date is set a little later than in past years so members of the Ontario Government may attend the Dominion-provincial conference on the St. Louis Report during January.

Dressing for the Part



A Scene From "Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt," the Feature Attraction Which Is Now Showing at the Oak Bay Theatre.

At the Theatres

"ARISE, MY LOVE" AT THE DOMINION

Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland in Romantic Love Tilt Which Opens Today

It's heart against head, and career against fate when Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland cross romantic swords in the love tilt of the year. Paramount's laugh-hit "Arise, My Love," coming today to the Dominion Theatre.

To help her career as a newspaper reporter, Claudette poses as Milland's wife and saves the romantic aviator from death before a Spanish firing squad. But before long, she learns that she has to escape from her ardent love-making to save her job.

The romantic pursuit skips from country to country across Europe. Adventure is piled on adventure as Milland joins the English fighting squadrons and as the pair are rescued from a torpedoed ship. But

AMUSEMENTS

On the Screen

Atlas—Errol Flynn in "The Sea Hawk."
Cadet—"The House Across the Bay," with Joan Bennett.
Capitol—Judy Garland in "Little Nellie Kelly."
Dominion—"Arise, My Love," with Claudette Colbert.
Oak Bay—Arthur Askey in "Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt."
Piazza—"A Little Bit of Heaven," with Gloria Jean.
Rio—Buck Jones in "Hollywood Roundup."
York—"Laugh It Off," with Tommy Trinder.

love and fate find a way to arrange a romantic climax for the couple which brings the picture to its strong emotional close.

JUDY GARLAND ON CAPITOL SCREEN

Plays First Solo Starring Role as "Little Nellie Kelly"—Now Showing Here

The training of today's modern metropolitan police forces became graphically dramatic when, every detail of the education of a policeman, from the "rookie" stage to the finished product, was depicted for a film sequence.

This sequence showing the transformation of George Murphy from civilian to officer, is one of the highlights of "Little Nellie Kelly," Judy Garland's first solo starring vehicle, which opens today at the Capitol Theatre.

The story deals with a little Irish colleen in New York, where her father becomes a policeman.

GEORGE RAFT IN EXCITING ROLE

"The House Across the Bay" Co-Stars Joan Bennett, Opening Today at Cadet

George Raft in one of his punchiest and most exciting roles in years and Joan Bennett giving the best performance of her outstanding career, "The House Across the Bay," now at the Cadet Theatre, is without question one of the most important pictures to come out of Hollywood in many a moon.

"The House Across the Bay" is the story of Brenda Bentley, a beautiful and alluring woman, who is left in a hostile world when her husband is convicted for income tax evasion and sent to a Federal prison in San Francisco Bay. It is Brenda's problem to battle this hostile world and to work for the faith and loyalty expected of her by the man behind bars. Brenda is exposed to temptations and to difficulties, but her love for her husband remains a blinding emotion to which she clings against all odds.

ATLAS All the flaming adventure of the thriller-sweep, Spanish Main lives again in Warner Bros.' magnificent production of "The Sea Hawk," which is now showing at the Atlas Theatre, starring Errol Flynn as the Robin Hood of the sea.

PLAZA Gloria Jean's aunt in "If I Had My Way" becomes the twelve-year-old star's mother in Universal's "A

THE HOUSE ACROSS THE BAY" Co-Stars Joan Bennett, Opening Today at Cadet

One of the funniest and most hilarious comedies to come out of a British studio in a decade is now showing at the Oak Bay Theatre. It is "Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt" and stars Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch, Moore Marriott and Graham Moffat in a riot of unashamed slapstick and hectic knockabout.

Brandon Thomas' immortal farce "reorganized" and brought up to date by a team of ace scenarists, reaches new heights of hilarity in this latest version.

Although it has been filmed twice previously, it loses nothing of its freshness, and with Askey in the title role, no greater gale of laughter has been heard for years.

Crown Princess Made a Fascist

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP).—In a move perhaps intended to bolster morale, it was announced here that Crown Princess Marie-Jose has joined the Fascist party "at her own request."

It was announced her membership would be considered as dated 1935.

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CLAUDETTE COLBERT RAY MILLAND



Little Bit of Heaven," now playing at the Plaza Theatre. Nana Bryant, veteran stage and screen actress, who played Gloria's aunt in the previous film, has the maternal role in the new picture.

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ANNOUNCE DATES FOR MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Regular Midwinter theory examinations conducted by the Toronto Conservatory of Music will be held across Canada on February 14 and 15, according to an announcement from the conservatory. As usual, these examinations will be conducted here simultaneously with other centres.

Applications by students must be made prior to January 15. Officials of the conservatory point out that some time is necessary to make all arrangements when examinations are conducted in several centres from Ottawa to Victoria. Time tables and locations of centres will be advertised later.

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VICTORIA WINS McKECHNIE CUP RUGBY MATCH

Victoria United Scores Victory; St. Andrews Win

Ralph Cosier Drives Home Both Goals in Locals' Decision Over Nanaimo in Coast Football Match—Scots Trim Radials, 4-1, to Maintain Unbeaten Record

Starting for the Victoria United against the Nanaimo squad, Ralph Cosier shifted the slippery leather into the northern team's net for both scoring plays in the Pacific Coast League soccer match at Athletic Park yesterday, when the locals lifted themselves out of the cellar to the tune of a 2-1 score.

A wet, slippery field harassed both elevens, with unexpected footwork being the order of the day. Frequent penalties were handed out by Referee McMillan when the players slipped in the turns and clashes. The Victorians forced the play to the Nanaimo end of the field from the outset, with the northerners barely managing to get to the local net in the last few minutes of play in the first half.

First score of the contest went to the local squad, when Cosier headed into the net, after the ball had been juggled from almost centre field. The squad member was the leading light of the crimson-jerseyed team, making several valiant attempts to score previously.

In the last few minutes of the first half, Gold, centre forward for the visitors, got the ball from a huddle in front of the Victoria posts, and booted it through, evening the score.

SECOND HALF

Cosier again starred within the first minute of play in the second half, when he drove the leather into the Nanaimo net for the last score of the day.

The locals appeared to be somewhat jinxed, making many tries that missed the scoring rectangle by inches. The visitors seized their usual tricky footwork, but lacked the driving punch to back it up.

The Victoria eleven depended to a large extent on the long drives down the field, with Leggett and Dallmore handling the ball effectively in the pinches.

Cooper was forced out during the second half with a wrenched knee after yeoman service, to be replaced by Travis.

A near free-for-all developed when the northerners enticed the local goalie away from between the posts and tried to shove the ball through. A mix-up was averted when team-mates forced the pugilistic players apart. Referee McMillan declared the goal null and void.

The game ended shortly after Cosier made a gallant try for another goal, only to have the ball skim by, inches from the open net. The line-ups were:

Nanaimo—Watson, Watson, Bilton, Boyd, English, Gray, Easterbrook, Parks, Gold, Denton, Kilby, and McCann and Knight as subs. Victoria—Moss, Wilkinson, Leggett, Sage, Glen, Robbins, Barnes, Cooper, Hope, Cosier, Morgan, Dallmore, Robbins and Travis.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (CP)—St.

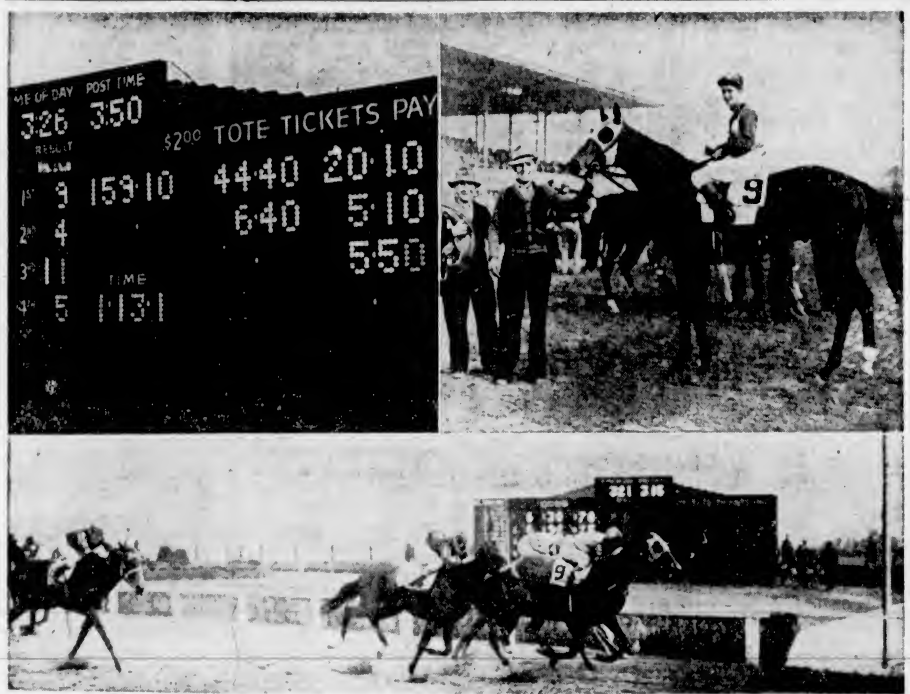
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Returns Neat Price at Bowie Track Recently



When R. S. McLaughlin's Parkwood Stable horses run, they run for glory, not cash. Mr. McLaughlin, like every true sportsman, loves better than anything else to see his silks flutter home in front. It was a great source of satisfaction, therefore, the afternoon at Bowie when Teddy Wrack, with Albert Schmidt in the saddle, came charging home before Dawn Attack and Dixie Maid. Teddy Wrack is No. 9 in the above photo, and can be seen slipping between Dawn Attack, on the rail, and Dixie Maid, the horse on the outside. Teddy Wrack paid \$159.10 to win, \$44.40 to place and \$20.10 to show. In addition to the finish you may also see a record of the mutual return on the tote board and close-up of Teddy Wrack and his jockey.

MacKenzie Wins Christmas Race In Inner Water

IAN MacKenzie captured the annual Christmas Day swim over a fifty-yard course in the Inner Harbor, and will keep possession of the Capt. M. D. Harbord Trophy for the ensuing year. Five young swimmers plunged into the icy water, and a large crowd watched the event from the Causeway. Finishing in second position was Ken Hurn, while Graham Drew took the third-place prize. In fourth spot came Peter Olsen, and Egil W. Nieuwejaar was fifth. The temperature of the water was about 48 degrees. Following the race, the competitors and officials went to the Crystal Garden for hot refreshments.

Squads will meet Victoria United in an exhibition game. Victoria City line-up follows: Stewardson, Youson, Cann, Searle, Brookman, Condon, D. Gent, McBride, Sage, Reside, Williams, Booth, Thomas, Barber, Dale, Gornall and Sands.

FRASER MILLS DEFEAT CUBS

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 26 (CP)—Fraser Mills pounced on a hapless New Westminster team here tonight for a 7-0 victory that brought them within two points of the Royal City club, now leading the Inter-City Senior Amateur Hockey League.

Paced by Fred Neilson, who collected three goals during the night, Fraser Mills went into a 2-0 lead in the first period, poured in four more goals in the second, and added another for good measure in the third, while holding the Cubs scoreless.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT WEST ROAD HALL

With Victoria hoodlums providing the opposition for suburban squads, two basketball games will be played this evening at the West Road Hall. Bob Whyte's Adverts and Sidney girls will battle in the curtain-raiser at 8 o'clock, with Victoria K-V's and West Road senior "A" men's quintettes listed to clash in the main event.

Dancing will follow the games and refreshments will be served.

BRUINS HIT STRIDE FOR 8-1 VICTORY

Boston Flashes Old-Time Form With Easy Win—Leafs Are Beaten

By JACK MITCHELL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The crown-seeking heads of Toronto Maple Leafs had reason to rest a little uneasy today as Boston Bruins, with another scoring combination responding fast to the pace set by the brilliant Bill Cowley, jockeyed into position for what may well be the usual Bruin mid-season drive.

The Maple Leafs, after grabbing a wide edge on the National Hockey League's top position, have settled a little of late. On the other hand, the Bruins have swung along at an even gait and are now in third place, two points behind the Red Wings and eight behind the Leafs. It is not so much the position as how they got there that constitutes the Boston threat to the Leafs. The highest scoring team in the league, the Bruins have the top individual scorer in the veteran Bill Cowley and the famed "kruat" line of Milt Schmidt, Bobby Bauer and Woody Dumart has swung fast into stride after a slow start.

Both Cowley and the kraut trio featured the attack as the Bruins swamped New York Americans, 8-1, to gain valuable points on Toronto, meanwhile beating 3-2 by Detroit. Only Montreal Canadiens were left out of the Christmas Night proceedings, with Chicago Black Hawks tying New York Rangers, 3-3, in the other fixture.

LINE HITS STRIDE
The Boston match marked the full return to form of the Schmidt-Dumart-Bauer trio, which finished one-two-three among individual scorers last season. The trio combined for ten scoring points, with Bauer and Schmidt each getting two goals and two assists and Dumart bagging a goal and an assist. The veteran Cowley, threatening to set a record among recent years for individual point-gathering, stretched his point total to twenty-seven by also bagging a pair of goals in the triumph before a crowd of 14,000. The other Bruin tally went to Art Jackson, with Fred Hunt averting a shut-out for Americans.

At Detroit, the Maple Leafs continued their slump that has netted them only one point for a draw in four matches when they boxed to the Red Wings before a crowd of about 8,500. The Leafs went into a 2-1 lead in the initial frame but the revamped Wings scored a goal in each of the next two periods for the victory.

The starry Syl Apps set up Gordie Drillon for both of Toronto's first-period tallies after Gus Gliesebeck had opened the scoring for Detroit. Syd Abel and Jimmy Orlando helped Eddie Warren get the tying counter in the second period, however, and then Warren took passes from Don Grosso and Jack Stewart for the winning tally at 20 of the final frame.

on each side featured the match as the Rangers broke a fifth-place tie with New York Americans by drawing Chicago at New York. Bryan Hextall bagged the brace of tallies for the Rangers, while Regis (Pepp) Kelly scored twice for Chicago, who dropped into fourth place behind Boston with their point.

Lynn Patrick opened the scoring unassisted for New York with the only goal of the first period, and Hextall made it 2-0 before Bill Carse bagged the Black Hawks' second-period goal. In the final frame, Kelly scored two straight goals and Hextall evened for the Rangers to send the match into a scoreless overtime session.

BILL COWLEY WIDENS GAP

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bill Cowley, of Boston Bruins, continued his brilliant pace at the top of the National Hockey League's individual point getters by scoring two unassisted goals in the Bruins' 8-1 victory over the Americans Wednesday night. Eight points behind the leader, Bryan Hextall, of New York Rangers, and Syl Apps, Toronto, remained tied for second place when Hextall bagged two goals and Apps two assists. Eddie Wiseman, of Boston, earned an assist to hold the next berth, while Toronto's Gord Drillon, who scored twice, was tied for fifth with Phil Watson, of Rangers, who got two assists. Syd Howe, of Detroit, was held pointless, dropping into the last Big Seven berth.

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts.
Cowley, Boston	9	18	27
Hextall, Rangers	12	7	19
Apps, Toronto	7	12	19
Wiseman, Boston	7	11	18
Drillon, Toronto	10	7	17
Watson, Rangers	3	14	17
Howe, Detroit	7	9	16

Scoring Sensation Of Local Squad



FRED SMITH
BRILLIANT young soldier three-quarter of the Victoria "Rep" ruggers, who yesterday scored six tries for the locals in their 34-6 victory over Vancouver, in a McKechnie Cup Rugby match at Macdonald Park. Fred Smith, uncorrupted one of the finest scoring exhibitions witnessed on the local pitch for many a day, and established himself as one of the fastest backfield men to don the crimson red sweater of the local fifteen.

CRIMSON TIDE BEATS MAINLANDERS, 34-6 IN HOLIDAY FIXTURE

Victoria "Rep" Ruggers Turn In Grand Display Against Vancouver at Macdonald Park—Backfield Uncorks Scoring Punch—Fred Smith Is Outstanding—1,000 Attend Match

HOW THEY STAND
P. W. L. F. A. P.
Victoria 2 3 0 58 6 4
Vancouver 3 1 2 25 64 2
Varsity 1 0 1 6 17 0
Yesterday's score: Victoria 34, Vancouver 6.
Next game: Victoria vs. Varsity, Macdonald Park, January 18.

Uncorking a blistering second-half offensive that literally ripped the Vancouver defence to shreds, a powerful, well-balanced Victoria Rugby machine yesterday rolled to a 34-6 triumph over Vancouver "Reps" in a Boxing Day fixture played at Macdonald Park. The victory was the second for the Crimson Tide over the Mainlanders, and it boosted the locals into top berth in the "Big Three" standings, two full points in front of the Terminal City squad.

Present holders of the historic McKechnie Cup, symbolic of provincial Rugby supremacy, the Crimson Tide will make its second home-town stand at Macdonald Park on Saturday, January 18, against the Varsity Thunderbirds. Victory in that contest will clinch the honors for Victoria and enable them to retain possession of the coveted silverware.

More than 1,000 enthusiastic supporters of the English code, many of them too keenly interested to sit in the large grandstand, watched the match with considerable satisfaction, and were quick to acclaim the team as one of the best in more than a decade. The majority of them had seen victorious Victoria fifteen in action before, but few if any had witnessed such scoring punch in the Crimson Tide three-quarter line.

VANCOUVER OUTPLAYED

The Victoria squad to a man turned in a grand performance, and left no question in the minds of the spectators as to their superiority. They outplayed the Vancouver fifteen in all departments of the game, and were really pretty to watch when they uncorked their brilliant, powerful scoring drive in the final stanza.

Vancouver, outclassed but game, turned in a plucky exhibition, but could not match the speed of the Victoria backfield or the fight of the local forwards. In the tight scrums Mainlanders were capable of holding their own in the early stages, but this slim advantage was soon overcome.

Scoring sensation of the Crimson Tide was brilliant Fred Smith, young soldier wing three-quarter, who raced over for six well-earned tries. Making his debut in McKechnie Cup Rugby, Smith turned in a grand performance with speed to burn and ball-handling ability that enabled him to snare passes from his clubmates and dash for the Vancouver line.

The young soldier backfield star was playing on the left wing, and with Hump Payne, former Vancouver "Rep" performer as his playing mate, was given plenty of opportunity to shine. Steve Conerton, big Tom Carney, Pender Mollison, Brent Murdoch and Harry Barber, other backfielders, all performed their chores in grand style.

Playing Coach Campbell Forbes and the other members of the Victoria scrum worked like Trojan horses, giving the Vancouver back plenty of trouble, and sometimes during the keen, rugged play tempers flared slightly.

ISAACS SCORES

Vancouver scored once in each half, with Frank Isaacs, young forward, always well up with the play, garnering their two tries. Mainlanders looked their best in the first eight minutes of play, and for a while it looked as if the locals were in for a battle. But the tide changed quickly, and once the Victoria squad took the lead they were never headed.

Fred Smith, wing three-quarter, opened the scoring at the eighteen-minute mark, putting the finishing touches to a smart backfield run and scoring near the corner. Big Tom Carney lifted the leather over the bar from the acute angle and the Crimson Tide moved ahead, 5-0. Playing Coach Campbell Forbes made it 8-0 when he booted a forty-eight-yard penalty kick for the Crimson Tide. It was a splendid effort, and the score drew the well-merited applause of the fans. A few minutes later the locals scored again when Fred Smith raced over and planted the leather directly behind the uprights. Bill Gornall converted to make the score 13-0.

Mainlanders picked up their first

points of the match, and their only opening half score, just before the breather, when Frank Isaacs pounced on a fumble ball on Victoria's line, after Colin Kennedy had taken a free kick for off-side. Half-time arrived with the score 13-3 for the locals.

VICTORIA ROLLS

Victoria started to roll in decisive fashion in the second stanza, and before the half ended rolled up twenty-three points against the white-sweated Vancouver ruggers. "Ginger" Fisher picked up the first points of the second half, taking part with the backs in a smart handling bout. Campbell Forbes converted, making the tally 18-3.

Fred Smith, speedy wing three-quarter, then raced over for a pair of smart tries, the first of which was converted by Bill Gornall. Tom Carney followed a few minutes later with a major score, and Brent Murdoch booted the extra points, giving the Crimson Tide a 21-3 advantage.

Vancouver bucked up momentarily in the late stages and drove deep into Victoria territory, where Norm Kennedy cut through the centre and passed to Frank Isaacs. The young Mainland forward raced over for a well-earned try.

Oddly enough, Fred Smith, brilliant backfield player who opened the scoring, put up Victoria's final point, racing over near the corner.

Victoria lost Bill Gornall, forward, and Steve Conerton, three-quarter, through minor injuries in the dying minutes of the game and finished with thirteen players.

The pipe band of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, was in attendance during the afternoon.

Referee, Ron Burns, Victoria. Victoria—Harry Barber, Fred Smith, Hump Payne, Tom Carney, Steve Conerton, Pender Mollison, Brent Murdoch, Bob Blair, Doug Bray, Glen Gledhill, Campbell Forbes, "Ginger" Fisher, Frank Doherty, Bill Gornall and Bill Thompson.

Vancouver—Chick Hudson, Art Hicks, Art Reid, Norm Kennedy, Garrie Smith, Ken Banks, Bud Spiers, Al Thomas, Tanji Moran, Vic Black, Sam Caras, Frank Williams, Frank Isaacs, Colin Kennedy and Joe Kruse.

VICTORIA JOINS LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Amateur Bicycle League of America today announced acceptance into membership of the Pacific Northwest Cycling Association, made up of clubs in Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Victoria and Vancouver.

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MANCHESTER—Drowned in six inches of water, the body of the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smart was discovered when a pet spaniel led the parents to a ditch.

Several Important Incidents Occurred On Sports Horizon

Review for Year in Canadian Athletics Has Bright Spots of Achievement Despite Wartime Restriction and Disputes—Football Tangle Featured Closing Month of Year

By SYDNEY GRUBSON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Canadian sports parade of 1940, its lustre partially dulled through wartime handicaps, hit some of its highest moments in a stormy December football tangle which left the schism between the West and the Canadian Rugby Union wider than ever.

There were other major sport developments during the year, such as Gerard Cote's rise to the pinnacle of marathon running and New York Rangers' sweep of the hockey tangle to mention only a couple, but none provided as much controversy or as serious repercussions as the West's break with the C.R.U.

The storm subsided, finally, but not until the Western Inter-Provincial Football Union withdrew its affiliation from the C.R.U., charging the C.R.U.'s domination prevented a war-charities football final between the East and West, the first time in thirteen years that an inter-sectional clash was not played.

In these circumstances, Ottawa Rough Riders retained their Eastern title, recognition as Dominion titlists. They won it in a snow-swept two-game series against Toronto Balm Beach, whose fine challenge was lost, 20-7, on the round. Meanwhile, the 1939 Dominion champions, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, sat home after winning the Western title, barred from a national final because of the Western Union's decision to play its own rules during its season.

HONORS TO RUNNER
Cote brought new honors to Canada with two smashing triumphs against international fields. The slight, St. Hyacinthe, Que., runner broke the record in the famous Boston marathon, leading home Ellison (Tarzan) Brown in 2 hours, 28 minutes and 28 seconds. Then, after bowing to Robert (Scotty) Rankine in the Canadian championship at Toronto, Cote won the American championship at Yonkers, N.Y.

At the year's end, the little French-Canadian, who had been hailed as one of the greatest long-distance runners in the world, barred from meeting Europe's best because of the war.

In hockey, Rangers overshadowed everybody. They raced in their streamline fashion to the National League championship over Boston Bruins, whom they dethroned in a six-game series, and went on to take the Stanley Cup in six games from Toronto Maple Leafs. On the way they smashed a twelve-year record of Montreal Canadiens, by going nineteen games without defeat.

They took individual championships as well. Kirby MacDonald was voted the outstanding rookie and Dave Kerr won the Vezina Trophy as the outstanding goalie of the season. The scoring championship eluded them, but Schmidt, of Boston Bruins, succeeding Toe Blake, of Montreal Canadiens, as the leader with fifty-two points.

The all-star team, picked for The Canadian Press, was: Goal, Kerr; defence, Dit Clapper, Boston; centre, Schmidt; right wing, Bryan Hewitt, Rangers; left wing, Blake.

It was an Eastern year in amateur hockey and lacrosse, but the West maintained its long-time superiority on the basketball courts.

AMATEUR HOCKEY
Kirkland Lake Blue Devils, small and terribly fast, raced rings around Calgary Stampede to take the Allan Cup and the senior hockey championship in three straight convincing triumphs. Ottawa Generals retained the Memorial Cup and the junior title, by defeating Kenora Thistles three games to one in a best-of-five series.

St. Catharines Athletics, one of the best lacrosse teams raised in Ontario, dropped the first game of the senior lacrosse final to Vancouver Burrards, then roared back to recover the championship they lost in 1939 with three straight victories. In the junior final on the Coast, an Ontario all-star team, built around Orilla Baby Terriers, fought back to win three straight and the title after dropping the first two games to the British Columbia all-stars.

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UNDERWRITERS REDUCE RATES
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GERMAN RAIDER POSSIBLY SUNK
Portuguese Skipper Sights Empty Lifeboat Bearing Name of Hamburg

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—The German liner Hamburg, once called the "floating athletic field," may have been sunk while operating as a raider off the Portuguese coast, Captain Joël Gomes, of the freighter Concoalo Velho, said today.

Gomes said on his arrival here that he had sighted an empty lifeboat bearing the name "Hamburg" 200 miles east of the Azores, December 11.

The 22,117-ton Hamburg was laid up at Hamburg after an exciting fight from New York when the war began. She normally carries a crew of 440 men.

Captain Cornelius Arundel of the British freighter Haxby, which was sunk by a raider off Bermuda, said recently that the raider was a huge ship equipped for a three-year voyage of mine-laying and ship sinking.

Shipping men then believed that she might have been the Hamburg or her sister ship, the Deutschland.

Execution Brings Food Prices Down
CHUNGKING, DEC. 26 (AP)—Food prices in Szechuan and other West China provinces have dropped 15 per cent since the execution Monday of Yang Chuan-Yu, former mayor of Chengtu, convicted of hoarding rice.

In a drive to prevent food hoarding and profiteering, the Central Government announced "Yang's execution will not be the last punitive measure taken."

Rugger Officials Discuss Plans For Californian Visit

MEMBERS of the B.C.R.U., meeting yesterday morning in The Colonist board room, discussed plans of the contemplated California invasion by a British Columbia all-star fifteen during late February. The team will be selected from Victoria, Vancouver and Varsity "Rep" squads, and will play six games in the South. Officials at San Francisco have already guaranteed the required amount for games in that city, and the B.C.R.U. committee is now waiting for confirmation of guarantee from Los Angeles. The proposed matches will be staged by the British War Relief Association of California, with all profits going to that organization. Stanford University plans to visit Vancouver in March for an exhibition fixture, and, if possible, the team will be brought to Victoria. The Californians are making the trip at their own expense and proceed from the matches will go to the Canadian Red Cross.

BUCKAROOS BEAT LIONS

Aitkenhead Stars as Portland Noses Out Vancouver, 3-2

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26 (CP)—The last-place Portland Buckaroos called their veteran goalie, Andy Aitkenhead, out of retirement tonight to turn back the league-leading Vancouver Lions, 3-2, in a Pacific Coast Hockey League game. The result left the standings unchanged.

Aitkenhead, who kept the nets for the Buckaroos last year before his retirement, was invincible as the Lions showed him with rubber in an effort to overcome a one-goal deficit in the last period. Andy was called out to replace Portland's recently-acquired goalie, Jim Hill, who is down with influenza.

The Buckaroos opened a two-goal lead in the first period on markers by Romeo Martel and Bonnie Martin. Vic Ripley and Eddie Ouellette were in on the play in the first goal, and Martel aided in the second.

Ching Dhere put Portland three up on a pass from Jimmy McFadden early in the second period before Bud Gouille and Bill Hutton scored for Vancouver.

Line-ups:
Vancouver—Jackson; Hutton, Desreux; Jerwa; Gouille, Lord. Subs: O'Neill, Riley, Maveety, Labovitch.

Portland—Aitkenhead; Conn, Ripley; Dhere; Holmes, McFadden. Subs: Sutherland, Ouellette, Martel, Martin, Grieve.

Officials: Scott, referee; Pesky, umpire.

SUMMARY
First Period—1, Portland, Martel (Ripley, Ouellette), 8:20; 2, Portland, Martin (Martel), 14:32. Penalties: Jerwa.

Second Period—3, Portland, Dhere (McFadden), 8:40; 4, Portland, Gouille (Lord), 10:04; 5, Vancouver, Hutton (Maveety), 10:26. Penalties: None.

Third Period—No scoring. Penalties: None.

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CANADIENS WIN GAME

Montrealers Take Free-Scoring Ice Tussle From Chicago, 7-5

HOW THEY STAND

Goals
Toronto 13 5 1 57 36 27
Detroit 8 6 5 45 40 21
Boston 8 7 3 66 47 19
Chicago 7 8 4 44 48 18
Rangers 6 8 3 46 47 15
Canadiens 6 9 2 39 49 14
American 5 10 4 33 62 14

Last night's score: Canadiens 7, Chicago 5.
Next games: Tonight, Boston vs. Americans; Saturday night, Rangers at Toronto; Americans vs. Canadiens.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 (CP)—Montreal Canadiens, showing a fast and brilliant attack, ran up their biggest score of the season tonight to defeat the fourth-place Chicago Black Hawks, 7-5, and climb into a sixth-place tie with New York Americans in the National Hockey League standings.

A crowd of 8,524 watched Canadiens strike hard and often to defeat the Hawks, who played a 3-3 tie with Rangers in New York last night.

Pacing the Montreal attack with a pair of goals was Rookie Jack Adams, while the other counters were spread evenly among Tony Demers, Johnny Quilty, Elmer Lach, Murphy Chamberlain and Joe Benoit. Bill Thomas and Ppy Kelly each bagged two goals for Chicago, with George Allen getting the other.

Line-Ups:
Chicago—Goodman; Wiebe, Selbert; W. Carse; March, Allen. Subs: Kelly, Cooper, Hegenheimer, Marucci, Thoms, D. Bentley, B. Carse, M. Bentley, Chad.

Canadiens—Gardiner; Gouille, Portland; Quilty; Benoit, Blake. Subs—Reardon, Singush, Drouin.

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for 1940 in the various divisions, based on a poll of sports writers all over the United States, Canada and Cuba.

This turnover, the publication states in the review to be published in its February edition, is the greatest since The Ring started its rankings in 1925. It is a "mark of great progress," said the article.

A total of 168 sports writers and Ring Magazine's correspondents balloted on the rankings. In the voting for "fighter of the year," fifty-seven picked Conn, the light-heavyweight champion, who recently signed to meet Louis in June for the heavyweight crown. Baer was second with thirty-six votes. Louis, last year's winner, finished fifth with seventeen.

Among the heavyweights, the magazine says, Baer stands out as Louis' challenger above all rivals, because of his 1940 performances in stopping Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey.

The all-important question had been put to the girl's father. He turned to the young suitor, and his face went the color of beetroot. "You insolent young pup!" he raved. "Do you mean to tell me that you want to marry my daughter? Do you think for one minute that you could give her what she has been used to?"

"Er-yes, I think so," faltered the young man. "I have a very violent temper myself!"

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

Selected Issues Are Handled in New York Mart

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Traders showed a liking in today's stock market for a number of hitherto neglected defence specialties but left the bulk of the "war" shares, along with the rest of the list, to post-Christmas neglect.

Transfers were \$38,362 shares, compared with \$33,450 on Tuesday. In the favored group, a number of new highs for this year or longer were Timken Detroit Axle, New York Shipbuilding, Electric Boat, Bath Iron Works, Lima Locomotive, and the preferred issues of American Locomotive and Jones & Laughlin.

Yet such prime arms issues as United States Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, Chrysler, Boeing, Glenn Martin, Caterpillar and International Harvester were unchanged or moderately lower. Eastman and Du Pont made a little progress, but Union Carbide and Allied Chemical just held their ground.

Prime trends were irregular throughout the session. The Associated Press index dipped .1 of a point to 43.1. A mild price decline followed publication of an open letter to President Roosevelt urging any action necessary to defeat totalitarian powers, but the selling was in such insignificant volume that many brokers thought the document's market importance was small.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

Dow Jones averages closed today as follows:
Thirty Industrials, 129.00, up 11.
Twenty rails, 27.30, up 10.
Twenty utilities, 19.55, off .06.
Sales, \$70,000 shares.

Alcoa Chemicals, 142.4
Allis-Chalmers, 35.4
American Can, 15.7
American Locomotive, 15.3
American P. & L., 1.3

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Quotations in foreign exchange:
Official Canadian Control Board rates for United States dollars, buying 10 per cent premium, selling 11 per cent premium, equivalent to discount on Canadian dollars in New York of buying 9.91 per cent, selling 9.99 per cent.
Germany—40.67; equivalent 18.50.
Finland—2.05.
Greece—48.
Hungary—19.75.
Italy—5.04.
Portugal—9.01.
Sweden—23.85.
Switzerland—23.31.
Yugoslavia—23.30.
Australia—Official 60.00; free 55.00.
Brazil—Official 60.00; free 55.00.
Mexico—20.75.
Japan—22.40.
Hankow—52.75.
Shanghai—52.75.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Quotations in sterling exchange:
Bankers' exchange committee rates, buying 4.02, selling 4.04 (open market), cables 4.04.
(Rates in spot cables, unless otherwise indicated.)

Boosts Indians In Handicrafts

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP).—Growing attention is being paid to Canadian Indian handicraft since the war closed the doors of Europe to the thousands of American tourists in search of hand woven materials, and the products of the artisan, it is learned from the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Re-resources.

Evidence of this interest was brought out at Fall exhibitions, where booths exhibiting and selling Indian work took in much American money.

"We have a powerful magnet for tourists if we develop the Indian work," said an official in the branch.

The demand is already greater than can be filled. According to the records of the Handicraft Guild in Montreal, although the numbers of tourists decreased this year, those who came from United States spent larger sums on peasant and Indian work. They were the people who know handicraft and can tell the best stuff instantly. They are the people who spent large sums in the Balkans, who bought the Tyrolean jackets and the Hungarian and Czechoslovak embroideries, hand-made bangles, scarves and costume jewelry.

On three reserves, St. Regis near Cornwall, at Couchichewin and the Odanab reserve the Indian Affairs Branch has encouraged the Indians, and in the past year over \$30,000 worth of articles have been sold, without counting individual sales. Examples of work at the Indian Department reveal the Indians' master craftsmen at depicting native scenes and such symbols as the "thunder bird." One such sells easily at \$5, and the workmanship compares favorably with the silver bracelets produced by the smiths of Algeria and Morocco. In all lines the demand far exceeds supply, officials said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP).—Official Foreign Exchange Control Board rates unchanged at: United States dollars, buying 10 per cent premium, selling 11 per cent premium. Equivalent discounts on Canadian dollars in New York, buying 9.91 per cent, selling 9.99 per cent.
Sterling, in Canadian funds, buying \$4.43, selling \$4.47.

Metal Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Copper, steady; electrolytic, spot, Connecticut Valley, 12.00; export, f.a.s., New York, 10.90-12.00.
Lead, steady; spot, New York, 5.50-5.55; East St. Louis, 5.35.
Zinc, steady; East St. Louis, spot and forward, 7.25.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 (AP).—Spot Copper, electrolytic, 12.75; tin, 50.50; lead, 5.50; zinc, 5.65; antimony, 15.25; per 100 pounds, f.o.b. Montreal, five-ton lots.

Grain Markets

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Wheat, P.C. Open High Low Close
May 85 85 85 85 85
July 80 80 80 80 80
Sept 80 80 80 80 80
Corn
May 40 40 40 40 40
July 35 35 35 35 35
Sept 35 35 35 35 35
Oats
May 35 35 35 35 35
July 32 32 32 32 32
Sept 32 32 32 32 32
Rye
May 45 45 45 45 45
July 42 42 42 42 42
Sept 42 42 42 42 42

EGG MARKET

These prices are obtained daily from the office of the Dominion Government Poultry Produce Inspection Service, Victoria, G 2492:
To producer—
Grade "A" large . . . 26
Grade "A" medium . . . 24
Grade "A" pullet . . . 22
Following are city wholesale—
Grade "A" large . . . 28
Grade "A" medium . . . 26
Grade "A" pullet . . . 24

SLEEPS LONG ENOUGH

PYATIGORSE, U.S.S.R. — Some Europeans, trying to snatch sleep in shelters, must be envious of the sleeping sickness victim here who fell asleep in August, 1939, and did not wake till May, 1940. He is still drowsy, and is artificially fed.

WILL WIND-UP HAVILAH GOLD

Development Work Fails to Prove Commercial Ore on Port Alberni Property

Decision to wind up the affairs of Havilah Gold Mines, Ltd., whose property is located near Port Alberni, was taken at a recent meeting of shareholders, following reports of the board of directors that the exploratory work on which more than \$20,000 had been spent had failed to reveal sufficient commercial ore to warrant construction of a mill.

The directors of the company produced to the meeting all of the working and assay plans of the property and figures showing the total amount of ore developed. It was stated that the total ore developed by the three tunnels and two raises which had been driven on the property by the financing group amounted to seven thousand tons of an average grade of 22 ounces of gold and a little silver—the equivalent at \$35 gold, of approximately \$100,000. It was pointed out, it is not sufficiently high grade to be shipping ore, and neither would it be profitable to mine it with any small mill, and that there was not nearly sufficient ore to pay for the installation of a mill, power plant and equipment which could mill that grade of ore.

The directors stated that the financing group had spent \$20,000 on equipment and development of the property and that after considering the results carefully had come to the firm conclusion that they could do nothing with it and had decided to abandon the property altogether.

OLD TRESTLES CONDEMNED

It was pointed out that the road into the property, which went over an old railway grade, had been closed by the Government as a number of old railway trestles, over which the road ran, had been condemned. The directors, therefore, had decided to remove the machinery while it could still be got out and the machinery had been accordingly taken out and stored at Nanaimo. It was stated to have a sale value in the neighborhood of \$4,000 to \$5,000, if a purchaser at a good price could be found. It was also informed that there was one offer of \$4,000 for the equipment as a whole, acceptance of which the directors would recommend.

The meeting was also informed that the financing group realized that some of the older shareholders might be of a different opinion and might wish to retain the property, and that the financing group therefore had offered that they would return to the treasury of the company all of the shares belonging to them, including both the treasury shares issued for the money they had spent and any and all other shares that they had acquired in any way, in exchange for a quit claim of the machinery, and that the old shareholders would then be in a position to deal with the property in any way that they saw fit.

It was pointed out that should the recommendation of the directors to put the company into liquidation be adopted, the liquidator would

According to Culbertson

Refugees flocking to these shores from stricken lands abroad are perceptibly swelling the ranks of our expert bridge players. Europe's loss is our gain, and we extend a cordial, even a grateful welcome. Some very fine bridge used to be played in Vienna, Budapest, Amsterdam, and other centres where, today, conditions are not exactly ideal for quiet concentration or calm analysis. I am indebted for today's remarkable hand (and analysis) to Dr. Robert Brunner, late of Berlin, now (happily) of New York.

South, dealer.
Rubber bridge.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
10 7
10 7 3
8 5 4 2
9 5 4 3
WEST
J 9 6 5 3
Q 7 5
A Q 10 9 6
A Q J 6
EAST
Q 8 4
K 8 5 4
K J 7 3
A 8

SOUTH
A K 2
A K 2
A K 10 7 2
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Double
Pass Pass Pass
The ace of diamonds was led, and ruffed by South. The trump ace was led down to test the trump situation and, when West showed out, declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, then ruffed a spade. The trump ten was returned and, not unreasonably wanting to preserve his trump trick, East refused to cover. Now, however, declarer was home. He led a club from dummy and, whether or not East played the ace, declarer could not be stopped from making one club trick and all six of his trumps (by merely exiting in clubs and forcing the defenders to lead diamonds or trumps).

There was nothing remarkable about the play of the hand, but the

post-mortem revealed some very interesting facts. The first was that East could have defeated the contract by sacrificing his trump trick that is, by covering dummy's ten spot. South then could have drawn East's trumps, easily enough, but would not have been able to establish a single club trick.

One of the players suggested that this line of successful defence might be attributed by the lead of a club. Instead of the heart ten from dummy. On first analysis, this view seemed correct. If East put up the ace and pumped declarer away in diamonds, declarer would, as before, cash one club trick and make all his trumps merely by using his low clubs as exit cards. If East ducked the club played from dummy, declarer would, of course, put up his king, with the same result.

To show how far analysis must go, however, to be really conclusive, it was found that a defence existed against this line of attack also. On the club lead from dummy, if East played the ace and returned his low club, declarer would be helpless. The timing of the play would be changed to such an extent that declarer would have to lose four tricks. A truly remarkable hand, in my opinion. Try it out for yourself!

Mr. Culbertson will discuss this hand in tomorrow's column.

ORGANIZATION IS BIGGEST OF KIND

Britain's Ministry of Aircraft Production Has Grown to Great Size in Six Months

LONDON, Dec. 26 (CP).—Britain's Ministry of Aircraft Production, headed by Canadian-born Lord Beaverbrook, has grown in six months to the biggest and busiest organization of its kind in the world.

Hardly had Lord Beaverbrook swept into his office than he summoned three other Canadian "busy B's" to aid him. J. P. Bickell, Canadian mining magnate, came by air and started work at once. Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Canadian Prime Minister, was pressed into service, and Beverly Baxter, member of the British Parliament, joined the "B-shive."

The ministry does more than supervise construction of the planes (airframes) and engines. It handles them over to R.A.F. squadrons "on full flying condition for operational requirement." These include a set of delicate and complicated instruments, a battery of automatic guns and cannon guns, bombs, shells and ammunition, bomb-sights, radio sets, electric equipment, oxygen cylinders, parachutes, flares, signalling apparatus, rubber dinghy and many secret gadgets.

MAKES OWN CONTRACTS

The ministry orders the plans, engines and equipment, inspects their construction, makes its own contracts and pays the accounts of thousands of main contractors and sub-contractors. It supplies motor launches and speed boats for the barrage command.

It controls the British Purchasing Commission in Canada and the United States and the British Air Mission in Washington. It also provides transport for purchases in America and Australia. It took over from the Air Ministry the old aircraft inspection directorate and various centres of scientific development.

CHURCHILL'S ADDRESS HIGHLY CENSORED BY ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Italian press has given its public a highly censored summary of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's radio appeal to Italians.

In comment, Stefani Italian news agency, went back to the League of Nations sanctions applied to Italy because of her Ethiopian campaign. "Evidently the attempt to strangle Italy economically through a League of Nations siege, to starve our women and children, and place our legionary army in difficulty while it was fighting in Ethiopia finally to give the Italian people a bit of breathing space is considered a mere trifle by Mr. Churchill," the agency said.

Stockings Off In New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Dec. 26 (CP).—There were few if any silk stockings in Santa Claus' bag when he reached New Zealand. It's the war—and the necessity for conserving exchange and producing munitions. It's summertime here and bare legs are both patriotic and fashionable in many circles. Girls' schools are co-operating with permission to pupils to go without stockings. Business firms are suggesting to their girl employees that they wear stockings to work, but discard them during working hours, thus making a considerable saving in war and fear.

And when Winter comes—as it does even in New Zealand—the girls will wear woolen stockings. The appeal to women to buy fewer silk stockings was made by Minister of Customs Nash, who said that owing to present working hours and to the lack of labor partly due to the calling up of men for military service, New Zealand history manufacturers were unable to meet the demand.

BAR GOLD

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 (CP).—Bar gold in London was unchanged at \$375.40 an ounce in Canadian funds, 168s in British funds, representing the Bank of England's buying price. The fixed \$35 Washington price amounted to \$38.50 in Canadian funds.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).—Bar silver 1-4d, unchanged (equivalent 42.16 cents).

WOOLIES FOR RAIDS

LONDON.—Fashions have gone by the board, and London girls are wearing thick knee-length woolen stockings to protect feet and legs from air raid shelter draughts.

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THE WIFE OF CAESAR SHOULD BE ABOVE SUSPICION

Nobody will ever know whether the charming Pompeia was actually guilty of infidelity to her lord and master, Julius Caesar.

That Pompeia was indiscreet, there is no question.

Also, she was found of Claudius, correspondent in the divorce suit by which Caesar obtained his freedom. Pompeia, who was sitting pretty in a tub of butter, should have known better than to cause the Browns to raise an eyebrow.

Aware that Caesar's mother Aurelia, who was in the household, had her doubts about the situation and was vigilant to detect any slip of her daughter-in-law, Pompeia should have been more meticulous about her "p's" and "q's."

Caesar himself was interested, not so much in details, as in the by and large of the scandal.

Asked at the trial, during which the evidence against his wife was adduced, whether he really believed Pompeia had been adulterous, he professed lack of concern in the subject.

His attitude, expressed in one of the forms in which it has come down a couple of thousand years, was:

SO WHO'S WHO?

OSLO.—An article in The Morgenbladet—Oslo daily—calls attention to the "rats" in Norway. The paper says Norwegians do not want to share their food, already scarce, with the "rats," which are not identified as vermin or human.

Nanaimo Council Praises Engineer

NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—The city council, on motion of Alderman John Kerr, expressed their appreciation to A. G. Graham, city engineer, for what was termed a wonderful service to city and Empire during the past year. Mayor Harrison, in rendering the good wishes, said that the city engineer in his efficient work in supervising the laying of seven and one-half miles of waterworks pipe line and other work in the South Forks District, and at Camp Nanaimo, might be termed a great service to city and Empire.

They endorsed a recommendation of the engineer that the speed limit on recently-repaired Newca Townsite bridge be fifteen miles per hour and accepted an offer of the Provincial Government to pay \$1,500, representing more than half of the cost of redecking and renewing stringers.

WORSE STILL

To celebrate their new partnership, Belks and Belks had a little dinner, quite a gay affair. Next morning, Belks was rather surprised to find himself sitting in his new chair in the nice new office. Before he had worked things out he heard a strange noise from his partner's room next door. Going in, he found Belks just waking up on the hearth.

"What on earth are you doing here so early?" he demanded.

"Well, old man, when I drove home in the car I found your girl had put a garage slip up against mine. I tried long enough but couldn't hit either of 'em so I just came along here. But what about you?"

"Oh," was Belks' airy reply. "I couldn't even hit our blooming avenue!"



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CHAPTER LI

She quickly stifled it, however, and said, gently, "Austin, dear, have you taken leave of your senses?"

Her gentleness misled him. "No! and well you know it! You must have known how I loved you all the time Vivian was alive. Oh, Jean, I know it is too soon, and all that, but give me a little hope! Promise me, that after a time—a proper time—you will listen to me. Dear Jean, how I have longed to tell you this!"

"Don't tell me any more, Austin; it is useless. I don't love you and never can."

"Then you love Sayre! I've thought so—you loved him before Vivian died!"

"I loved Brandon Sayre before I ever saw Vivian. Never mind that. I love him still, and, as you put it, when the proper time comes, I shall marry him."

"Jean, I will accept that for the present. But I shall make you love me yet. You threw over Sayre for Vivian; now you shall throw over Sayre for me. Don't speak, this is a prophecy. It will come to pass."

"Very well, Austin, then we can drop the subject for the present. Now, I will tell you what I have done. Fleming Stone is coming to find the will for us."

Austin stared at Jean. He turned white and his jaw seemed to drop as if in sudden terror. But he quickly pulled himself together, and said, "May I ask how you commanded Fleming Stone's services so quickly?"

"Mr. Sayre knows him personally, and he telephoned to him. Mr. Stone will be here for dinner."

"Quick action! And he will look for the will?"

"Yes, that is what he's coming for."

"Perhaps the police will have something to say to that."

"Indeed they will; they have. They are delighted at the thought of having Fleming Stone work with them."

"You and Sayre accomplished a lot while I was away this morning."

"Yes, we did. Let us hope Mr. Stone finds the will. I don't like the idea of contesting the will Mr. Campbell holds. You must realize that a will made by Vivian about a year ago will be much more likely beneficial to you than one made when he was in the toils of that Merriewood woman."

"You know a lot more about Vivian's women than I thought you did, Jean. He must have led you a life! I am glad for your sake he is gone. Now, look here. Let's discard all wills, and I will get an order declaring that Vivian died intestate. I can do it!"

"By some shady work of an unscrupulous lawyer? No, and in any case, we can't do anything of that sort, unless Mr. Stone agrees. You can ask him when he comes."

"I wish you hadn't dragged him into it! His fees and the inheritance taxes will wipe out the Forrester estate. By the way, how long is Sayre staying here?"

"How can I tell? He can't go away until the police say so. Nor Esme—"

"Esme will stay as long as I want her to."

"So? Well, I know Sayre and Peter."

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RALLYING BEHIND FRENCH GENERAL

SYDNEY, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Australian French community, which hitherto supported General Charles de Gaulle in secret, has come into the open now, rallying behind the leader of the Free Frenchmen.

Reasons for previous secrecy was that the leaders waited a ruling on the French consul-general at Canberra, who favored the Vichy Government. The Australian Government has just announced it no longer recognizes the consul-general.

The French-language weekly published here now has come out for De Gaulle and the French community is responding to an appeal to provide arms for De Gaulle's forces. There are few Frenchmen of military age left in Australia, but thousands, including natives, are enrolling in nearby New Caledonia waiting for a chance to join the De Gaulle forces overseas.

Little Stories for Bedtime

Happy Days in the Green Forest

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

These were happy days in the Green Forest. At least they were happy for Lightfoot the Deer. They were the happiest days he had ever known. You see, he had won beautiful, slender, young Miss Dainty-foot, and now she was no longer Miss Dainty-foot but Mrs. Lightfoot. Lightfoot was sure that there was no one anywhere so beautiful as she, and Mrs. Lightfoot knew that there was no one so handsome and brave as he.

Wherever Lightfoot went Mrs. Lightfoot went. He showed her all his favorite hiding places. She did not tell him she was already acquainted with every one of them, that she knew the Green Forest quite as well as he did. If he had stopped to think how day after day she had managed to keep out of his sight while he hunted for her, he would have known that there was little he could show her which she already did not know. But he didn't stop to think, and proudly led her from place to place. And Mrs. Lightfoot wisely expressed delight with all she saw quite as if it were all new.

Of course all the little people of the Green Forest hurried to pay their respects to Mrs. Lightfoot.

happened to come down to the Green Forest. They hunted me so up there that I did not dare stay, and I came down here thinking there might be fewer hunters here. I would not have believed that I could ever be thankful to hunters for anything, but I am; truly I am."

There was a puzzled look on Lightfoot's face. "What for?" he demanded. "I can't imagine anybody being thankful to hunters for anything."

"Oh, you stupid!" cried Mrs. Lightfoot. "Don't you see that if I hadn't been driven down from the Great Mountain I never would have found you?"

"You mean I never would have found you," retorted Lightfoot. "I guess I owe those hunters more than you do. I owe them the greatest happiness I have ever known but I never would have thought of it myself. Isn't it queer how things which seem the very worst possible sometimes turn out the very best possible."

Next Story: Billy Mink Becomes Suspicious. (Released by The Associated Newspapers)

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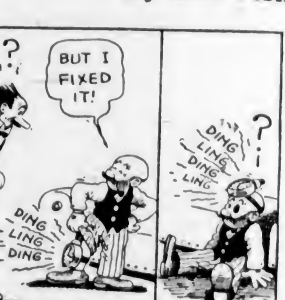
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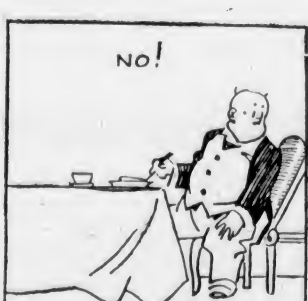
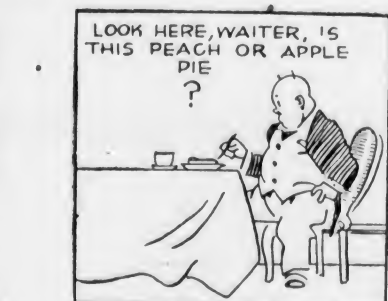
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APPEAL ANGERS SOME ITALIANS

Churchill's Speech to Italian People Draws Blasts Of Defiance

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's appeal to the Italian people over Mussolini's head was met with blasts of defiance and denunciation by Fascist spokesmen. Virginio Gayda, leading Fascist mouthpiece, said appointment of Anthony Eden to head the British Foreign Office was a "worthy crown in this foggy end of a year of extreme Churchill politics."

He called Mr. Eden a "typical representative of British arrogance," an embodiment of "insolent hostility," and said his elevation

could "only hasten the victory of the Axis Powers in Europe and Africa and of Japan in Asia." Dr. Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of the Leghorn Telegrafo, went on the air with a violent retort to Mr. Churchill. "Earlier, the Government had answered that 'the war will continue on all fronts until victory,'" and King Victorio Emmanuel had proclaimed in a Christmas message to the armed forces that "no obstacle and no difficulty may halt the glorious rise of Italy."

ITALY'S WAR AIMS Ansaldo said that Italy's two war aims were:

First, "to keep our word of honor with our German friends"; and second, "to shake off the humiliation of always being threatened by England, bottled up in the Mediterranean and stopped."

Ansaldo, whose newspaper is owned by Mussolini's son-in-law, Foreign Minister Ciano, recalled the economic sanctions against Italy during her campaign in Ethiopia, and "vexations" which he said

Italy has suffered from the British contraband control during her non-belligerent period in the present war.

"It is fine for him to talk of sympathy for the Italian people," Ansaldo said of Mr. Churchill, but added that Italians have not forgotten that England "tried to strangle us and starve us."

It is "the old English game" of trying to separate the church from the people, Ansaldo asserted. He added that they tried it with Napoleon and Wilhelm II, "and now are trying it with Italy."

WILL NOT BE FOOLED "But Italy is not allowing herself to be fooled," he went on. "She knows too well her fate if the manoeuvres succeeded. She would be reduced to the state of a massed colony."

The newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia reported, meanwhile, that eighty German pilots visited Mussolini's birthplace at Forlì in "passing through" that town, but it failed to say where they were headed. Forlì

is in Northeast Italy, near the Adriatic coast opposite Yugoslavia.

That Body of Yours
by JAMES W. BARTON, M.D.

A NOURISHING DIET COSTING THIRTY-FOUR CENTS A DAY

In my student days we learned that there were three main classes of foods—proteins (meat, eggs, fish, cereals), starches (bread, potatoes, sugar), and fats (butter, cream, fat meats). Two other foodstuffs, salts—iron, lime, phosphorus and water—were considered "necessary" foods.

Today foods are not considered entirely from the standpoint of fuel or heat, but from the standpoint of the building of the body and maintaining the various body processes in proper condition to do their work. The minerals and vitamins whose value was formerly unknown are now known to be absolutely necessary for life and good health.

In days when foods necessary to maintain health are of the utmost importance to a nation, adults, children and children of the future, not only must these foods be acquired but they must be within the reach of those with low income.

That the expectant mother must have an excess quantity of foods containing all the food essentials—proteins, starches, fats, minerals and vitamins—is agreed. It is a source of surprise and satisfaction therefore to learn that research workers at Columbia University have found that the expectant mother can live on a diet costing as little as 34 cents a day and still get generous amounts of all the food substances she needs.

This diet, as announced by Dr. Clara Taylor, Columbia University assistant professor of nutrition, is rich in minerals and vitamins.

A sample day's menu consists of: Breakfast—Four prunes; one cup of oatmeal with a little sugar; two slices whole wheat toast; one tablespoon butter; one glass of milk

Lunch—Cream of tomato soup made with one-half cup of tomatoes, one-fourth cup evaporated milk, one teaspoon flour and one teaspoon fat; salad of one egg, lettuce, mayonnaise; cheese sandwich (three ounces of cheese and teaspoon butter) on whole wheat bread; one glass of milk.

Dinner—Three ounces broiled beef liver; one baked potato; one cup kale or cabbage; two slices whole wheat bread; two tablespoons butter; one banana; one glass milk Sugar allowance for a day is one ounce.

As we look carefully at this diet it will be seen that all classes of foods and the vital minerals and

vitamins are present in abundance. Also that the "protective" foods—dairy products and raw vegetables—are present in adequate amounts.

Chinese Graduate Of B.C. Succumbs

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26 (AP)—Wong has been received here of the death in China of Kenneth Wing Yip, University of British Columbia graduate. He died of fever contracted while directing operations for the Kung Industrial Co-operative in China.

Born in Vancouver in 1912, he attended King George High School and took a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1935.

Naval Forces In Manila Bay Strengthened

MANILA, Dec. 26 (AP)—Several additional United States submarines have arrived in Manila Bay, bringing to at least fifteen the number of American underwater craft in Asiatic waters, reliable sources said here.

Navy men were reluctant to talk, but it was known that the Asiatic fleet has been gradually strengthened, on the surface, in the air, and under water since a recent massed flight of bombers from Hawaii to the Philippines.

GIFT TO ROYAL AIR FORCE

CLIFTON, N.J., Dec. 26 (AP)—An electrically controlled propeller was presented as a Christmas present to the Royal Air Force by 3,000 employees of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation today. A. M. Cameron, of the British Purchasing Commission, accepted it for the Royal Air Force.

